A GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT

OF THE

FAMILY OF ALDERSEY

OF

ALDERSEY AND SPURSTOW CO. CHESTER

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INTRODUCTION.

N consequence of the lamented death in the year 1895 of the late Mr. J. P. Earwaker, the accomplished historian of East Cheshire, the Aldersey family papers came into my hands for completion of the work upon which he was engaged at the time of his death. I found that much had already been done, so much that if he had lived but a short time longer the work would no doubt soon have been completed; but the task of presenting the family history in a narrative form had not yet been attempted, and it was thought that without this his exhaustive labours would have been deprived of much of their value to the family. I have therefore endeavoured to supply this omission as best I could, although I can pretend to no such literary skill or special local knowledge as would have made a family history from the pen of Mr. Earwaker a really valuable possession. order to take up the threads of Mr. Earwaker's labours, I found it necessary to read through the whole of the family papers de novo, and this necessarily took time: further delay, which I regret but could not avoid, was occasioned by the interruptions of my professional work, and I fear that the time during which the papers have been in my possession is out of all proportion to the result of my labours.

Before entering upon the family history, a few words should be bestowed upon the documents themselves. These consist of a large number of deeds and other documents, some of which date from as far back as the thirteenth century. Of these documents 536 of the principal one, chiefly deeds, had been separately numbered and carefully arranged in packets by Mr. Earwaker according to their date and subject-matter, a catalogue having also been drawn up by him in a MS. folio volume (with a dark-coloured binding), in which the date and general nature of each deed were entered. Nearly 200 of the most important ones he had also either transcribed in full or abstracted in another thicker folio volume (bound in vellum). Besides the 536 principal documents above mentioned, he had collected in separate bundles, each with a separate catalogue of its own, the following papers, viz.: (1) Bundle A, 154 miscellaneous papers relating to the Aldersey family between the years 1500 and 1838; (2) Bundle B, a packet of 89 letters, drafts of letters, and other papers dated between 1561 and 1820 relating to Bunbury Church; (3) Bundle C, a packet of 23 papers relating to the Free Grammar School of Bunbury from 1593 to 1788; (4) Bundle D, a packet of 51 miscellaneous Cheshire papers dated between 1500 and 1800; and (5) Bundle E, a packet of 105 letters of the Aldersey family of various dates between the years 1625 and 1808. In addition to these, the family papers included several pedigree rolls (the more important of which are described in the following pages), abstracts of Cheshire inquisitions post mortem arranged under regnal years in two parts (of which Part I. ending with Henry VII. has several pages missing or imperfect, but Part II. from Henry VIII. to James I. is fairly complete), collections for a list of the Mayors and Sheriffs of Chester by William Aldersey, the Chester antiquary (also referred to below), collections for a history of Cheshire under about 300 separate headings arranged alphabetically and compiled in the year 1701, account books, rentals, and various other documents, of which no catalogue had been made.

With the family papers I found also a list of all the Wills, &c., of the Aldersey family which are extant at the Probate Registry at Chester, transcripts of entries relating to the family from the parochial registers at Bunbury, Malpas, Chester, and other places, as well as from the printed extracts from Chester Plea and Recognisance Rolls published in the Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Records at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane, besides extracts from pedigrees in the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum and elsewhere, for all of which we are doubtless indebted to the exertions of Mr. Earwaker. Finally, he had nearly completed his own MS. pedigree of the Aldersey family, founded upon the pedigree given in Ormerod's "History of Cheshire," but corrected and added to from the sources above mentioned.

From these materials and the information given in Ormerod's "Cheshire," supplemented by some further searches which I have made myself at the Public Record Office and Somerset House, and among the Harleian and additional MSS. at the British Museum, the following account of the Aldersey family is derived.



THE FAMILY OF ALDERSEY

Aldersey, in the parish of Coddington and hundred of Broxton in the county of Chester, since very early times—certainly for more than six centuries; how much earlier it is impossible to say. Some of the antiquaries of the county in the seventeenth century were of opinion, by reason apparently of certain records found in the Abbey of Combermere, that the name of the family was originally Alteribus and that they, coming (as was conjectured) to be lords of the manor, called themselves de Alterbushey or de Alteribuses hey (or wood), which was contracted into Aldresheya or Aldreshey, in which form it is found in several ancient deeds, and so into Aldresey and finally Aldersey.¹

This conjectural descent from the family of Alteribus is followed out in two seventeenth century Pedigree

¹ It seems more probable, however, that the family derived its name from the place. The township of Aldersey is completely surrounded by brooks, on the banks of which alders grow in great profusion, and this was probably the origin of the name, which in the oldest extant deeds is usually spelt *Aldresey*, the termination "ey" being derived from an old Saxon word signifying "island," as in Rood-eye at Chester, Ramsey, Sheppey, etc. (See Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., i. 371, note d; Jacob's Law Dictionary, sub nom. "ey.")

Rolls, now in the possession of Mr. Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow, of which the larger one, made in 1629 by Jacob Chaloner and examined by William Segar, Garter King of Arms, shows the descents of most of the various branches of the Aldersey family down to that time, and has been continued as a Pedigree Roll of the principal line of Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow to the present time: this will be the Roll referred to hereinafter as the Aldersey Pedigree Roll. The other Roll, which was made in or about the year 1655, and of which there is a copy made by the third Randle Holme in one of the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum,2 traces more particularly the descent of that branch of the family which settled in business at Chester in the sixteenth century, and afterwards was seated at Daniel's Ash, Hawarden, and this Roll I will refer to as the Aldersey of Chester Pedigree Roll.

The Alteribus descent begins with Hugh de Alteribus, who is stated to have lived in Cheshire in the time of William the Conqueror, and to have had issue Henry de Alteribus, who married Matilda, and had issue William de Alteribus, who married Cicely, daughter of Hugh de Holme, and had issue Hugh de Alteribus, who married Auda, daughter and co-heir of William de Malbank Baron of Wich Malbank (afterwards the wife of Warine Vernon, Baron of Shipbrooke), and had issue Hugh de Alteribus, who lived about 24th Henry III. and had issue, 1. William de Alteribus, Baron of Clapton, who

This is clearly one of the two Pedigree Rolls, the truth of which was certified by Randle Holme, of Chester, 2 Jan., 1699 (1700). The draft certificate is to be found in Harl. MSS. 2119, between ff. 9 and 10, written on the back of a letter dated 16 Nov., 1699, from Henry Travers to Mr. Holmes.

² Harl. MSS., 2094, ff. 88 et seq. (R. Holme, Collected Pedigrees, etc.)

married Cicely, daughter of Francis de Bohun, of Midlehurst, and had a daughter and heir, who married Sir Roger de Sholmestrood; and 2, Hugh de Alteribus, otherwise Alterbushey or Aldresheia, supposed to be the same as the Hugh de Aldresey next mentioned.

The first of the family, however, of whom we have any certain knowledge was HUGH DE ALDRESEY, who married Cecily, daughter of Robert de Hockenhull, mentioned in a deed without date supposed to be temp. Henry III., to whom Robert de Hockenhull gave in frank marriage with his daughter Cecily certain lands in Hockenhull in special tail. By another deed, also without date, supposed to be temp. Edward I., Cecily, then the widow of Hugh de Aldresey, granted the lands in Hockenhull, which she held of the gift of her father Robert, to William de Aldresey her son and heir in fee, with the exception of the fourth best selion of land, which was to go to his brother Ralph in fee.² To this latter deed Adam de Aldresey is one of the witnesses, though he is not mentioned in the body of the deed.

It was no doubt these two deeds which were the original source of the statement to be found in the Aldersey of Chester Pedigree Roll and Harl. MSS., 2094 fo. 88, that the eldest son of Hugh de Aldresey was "William de Aldresey sonne & h. to whom his mother gave much land in Hockenhull it is conceived his heyre mar. to the Hattons for the [they] were lords of halph Great Aldersey 10 E. 1," Adam de Aldresey being there given as the second son—a statement which is repeated

¹ Harl. MSS., 2161, fo. 261. This Robert de Hockenhull appears to have died before 30 Ed. I. (1302), in which year his widow Cecily sued his son, Thomas de Hockenhull, for dower of lands in Hockenhull (Chester Plea Roll, 29 and 30 Ed. I. m. 2 d.)

² Harl. MSS., 2161, fo. 262.

with more positiveness as regards the Hatton marriage in Ormerod's Cheshire. I cannot but think, however, that this statement is an erroneous one, and that the true order is that given in the Aldersey Pedigree Roll and in Harl. MSS., 2153, ff. 37b, 38 and 2119 fo. 6, viz.: 1. Adam; 2. William; 3. Ralph. That William was his mother's heir is plain from the two deeds above mentioned, but it is not stated there that he was his father's heir, and I think the fact that Adam was heir to his father Hugh de Aldresey, being no doubt his eldest son by a former wife, is sufficiently established by such other evidence as still exists, viz.:

- (a) A grant without date (supposed by Mr. Earwaker to be c. 1250, but probably rather later) by Adam son of Hugh de Aldresey to Ralph his brother for his homage and service of two messuages and certain lands in Aldersey in fee simple with a special exemption from answering any claim in Adam's court.²
- (b) Two copies, both in places torn and defaced, of a grant without date by Adam, son of Hugh de Aldresey, to William his brother for his homage and service of certain lands in Aldersey in fee simple, with a similar exemption from answering any claim in Adam's court.³ The original of this deed is not to be found amongst the Family Evidences (unless, indeed, it be one of those that are totally illegible owing to the fading of the ink), but there is an abstract of it in Harl. MSS. 2079, fo. 129, where the deed is stated to have been then (17 Oct. 1635) in the Exchequer of Chester in the custody of one Robert Crosby. It is precisely similar to the grant by Adam to his brother Ralph, except in the description of the lands granted; the witnesses are the same, and in

¹ Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 737, 739.

² Family Evidences, No. 1. ³ Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle.

both there is a reference to Cecily, apparently then dead, as the mother, not of the grantor, but of the grantee.

- (c) A grant without date (also supposed by Mr. Earwaker to be c. 1250, but probably rather later) by Adam de Aldresey to Ralph his son in fee simple of all his tenements, with all his services, etc., in Aldersey and Barton, except the tenement which he formerly gave to his son Robert in Aldersey. The grant to Robert here referred to is not now extant, but its nature may be gathered with sufficient accuracy from the Plea Roll next mentioned.
- (d) An office copy, dated 23 February, 1720, of an entry on a Chester Plea Roll, purporting to be of the date of 1 Edward I. (1272-3).2 The entry is dated Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Chad (2 March), in an action against Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, and Kenewric le Belew by Robert, son of Adam de Aldreseye, in which the latter complained of having been disseised by Hugh and Kenewric of a right of extovers in twelve acres of wood in Great Aldersey, to which he was entitled under a grant made more than ten years previously by Adam de Aldresey, lord of a moiety of the vill of Aldersey, of a free tenement and a certain part of his lands in Aldersey with husebold and heybold and fuel and common of pasture in all places within the boundaries of Aldersey. Kenewric le Belew disclaimed all interest, but Hugh de Hatton defended and pleaded that he was himself lord of a moiety of the vill at the time of Adam's grant, and that he had since that time, but long before the issue of the writ, become sole tenant of the twelve acres in question under a partition between himself and Adam de Aldresey, they having previously held the wood as tenants in common in undivided moieties. This was not

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 2. ² The real date should be 1307-8, see inf.

denied by Robert de Aldresey, who fell back upon a prescriptive title for more than ten years, and so they were put to trial by jury, the result of which does not appear. This office copy purports to be taken from the Chester Plea Roll of 1 Edward I., Ro. 12. The original Plea Rolls were removed some years ago from Chester Castle, where they used to be kept, to the Public Record Office in London, and I searched in vain for any Plea Roll of that date. I have, however, succeeded in verifying the reference, and find that it should be the Chester Plea Roll of 1 and 2 Edward II., membrane 13 (formerly numbered 12). The mistake doubtless arose from the heading of this particular membrane being "Com' Cestr' die Martii prox post Festum Sti Cedde anno R. R. E. primo," but it appears from the other contents of the record as well as from the heading of the first membrane that the date was really "anno R. R. E. fil. E. primo," i.e., 6 March, 1307-8. There is also at the British Museum in Harl. MSS. 2079, a series of extracts from these Plea Rolls taken in the seventeenth century, where the date is correctly given, but the Plaintiff is erroneously called Robert son of Robert de Aldreseye instead of Robert son of Adam de Aldreseye. This last mistake of name has been perpetuated both in the Pedigree Rolls and in the Pedigree given by Ormerod.² It was probably the erroneous date assigned to the Plea Roll which led Mr. Earwaker to place the date of the various grants by Adam de Aldresey to his brothers and sons so far back as c. 1250, and I suppose them to have been rather later than this, but before the passing in 18 Edward I. (1290) of the statute Quia Emptores, by which subinfeudation was abolished.

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 3.

² Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd. Ed., ii. 739.

From other parts of the same Chester Plea Roll of 1 and 2 Edward II. (m. 21 dorso and m. 27) it appears that the wood of Aldersey comprised about fifty-five acres, that the Hatton moiety was sub-divided between Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, William, son of Adam de Meeles, and Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife as tenants in common with Adam de Aldresey, who held the other moiety at the time of the grant by the latter to his son Robert, and that a partition of the wood was made between the several tenants in common about the year 1293, when seven acres were allotted to William de Meeles and seven acres to Ralph and Margaret del Heth. The share of Hugh de Hatton, who appears to have received fourteen acres, would therefore be a quarter of the whole, and this agrees with the inquisition next referred The Aldersey moiety seems to have been at some time before 1308 partitioned between Ralph, son of Adam de Aldresey, Thomas le Brid, and Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, the share of Ralph de Hanley being apparently one sixteenth of the whole. The interests of Thomas le Brid and Ralph de Hanley were no doubt derived by grant from Adam de Aldresey.1

Ormerod's statement that the heir of William son of Hugh de Aldresey brought a moiety of the vill of Aldersey to the Hattons by marriage 10 Ed. I., which (as we have seen) was in its original form put as a conjecture only, appears to me to be more than doubtful. That the Hattons did at that time possess a share of Aldersey is clear from the two inquisitions post mortem of Hugh de Hatton in 12 Ed. I. and 13 Ed. I. (1284 and 1285), where it is described not as a moiety but as "a fourth share of Brex [Broxton], Cholley [Chowley], and Aldresey of the value of 40s." which he held by knight's

¹ See post, pp. 44, 45.

service of Rotheric son of Griffin and Beatrice his wife as the dower of Beatrice. Beatrice's first husband was William Patrick, who owned a moiety of the great Barony of Malpas, of which Aldersey was originally a part, and she also claimed and apparently enjoyed (though wrongfully) another fourth of the Barony as co-heir of her father, David de Malpas alias Le Clerk, the bastard son of William de Malpas.² The fourth share of Aldersey, held by Hugh de Hatton at the time of his death c. 10 Ed. I. (1282), cannot therefore be the same lands as those granted by Adam to his brother William, for this grant must have been then quite recent, and the mesne lord Adam de Aldersey would have been well known to the jurors on the inquisition. I conclude therefore that the origin of the Hatton share of Aldersey must be sought for at some earlier period, but there are no materials for determining the exact date.

The subject of the Hatton interest in Aldersey and certain subinfeudations of the Aldersey moiety will be treated of later, and we will now return to the history of the Aldersey family.

Ralph, the third son of Hugh de Aldresey, who is mentioned in his mother's deed above referred to, and who had a grant from his brother Adam of two messuages and certain lands in Aldersey, had a son Thomas living circ. 1315, who had a son William living circ. 1324. From him, according to the Aldersey Pedigree Roll, was descended that branch of the family which was settled for many generations at Great Aldersey, and which on the head of the family succeeding to the Spurstow

¹ Chester Inq., p.m., 12 Ed. I. No. 15.

² Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 522-605.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 1, where the lands are described at length.

⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 6.

⁵ Fam. Ev., No. 7.

Estates seems to have become his tenants of the family estates at Aldersey.¹ The same Pedigree Roll makes him also ancestor of the Alderseys of Horton, of Brinnington, of Helsby, of Agdon, and of Chinnell, but for such further particulars of the descendants of this branch of the family as I have been able to collect I must refer to the accompanying pedigree, No. 4, derived chiefly from the Aldersey Pedigree Roll but supplemented from other sources of information.

The main line of the family was carried on by ADAM DE ALDRESEY, the eldest son of Hugh de Aldresey as above mentioned. The name of Adam's wife is not given in the Aldersey Pedigree Roll, but in the Aldersey of Chester Pedigree Roll² it is stated that he married Alice, daughter of Sir Simon Hatton, Knight of Jerusalem, and this agrees also with Harl. MSS., 2119, fo. 6. What the authority for this statement may be I do not know, but there is no difficulty as regards dates, for Sir Simon was apparently living circ. 41 Hen. III. (1257), and his son and heir, Sir Hugh, died circ. 10 Ed. I. (1282). Adam de Aldresey had at least two sons, viz., Ralph, his son and heir, and Robert, who (as already mentioned) had a tenement in Aldersey by gift of his father, and in 1307-8 had a suit with Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, respecting the right of estovers in the wood of Aldersey, and from whom were descended the Alderseys of Middle Aldersey. According to the Aldersey Pedigree Roll he had also a third son William, who also left issue, and this receives some corroboration from a Plea Roll of 1289, where William, son of Adam of Great Aldersey, is mentioned as a defendant to an action for disseisin of land at Stretton.³

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 43; Ib. Miscellaneous Bundle A, No. 4.

² Copied in Harl. MSS., 2094, ff. 88, et seq.

³ Chester Plea Roll, 16 and 17 Ed. I., mm. 7, 9.

RALPH DE ALDRESEY, son of Adam, had a grant from his father, the date of which is supposed by Mr. Earwaker to have been c. 1250, but which may more probably have been rather later, of all his tenements and services in Aldersey and Barton except the tenement which he had given to his son Robert.¹ By deed without date of which, however, the date appears from internal evidence to be c. 1311—he had a grant in fee simple of land in Great Aldersey from Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, at the yearly rent of 6s. 8d.,2 and this land which was doubtless part of the land acquired by Hugh de Hanley, Ralph's father, from Adam de Aldresey between 1293 and 1308, in respect of which Hugh de Hanley brought an action in the latter year³—Ralph de Aldresey seems to have made over to his son Hugh.⁴ By deed without date (c. 1315) he makes a grant of certain lands in Aldersey to his cousin Thomas, son of Ralph son of Hugh;⁵ and in January, 17 Ed. II. (1324), he effects an exchange of lands there with William, son of Thomas de Aldresey.6 He is mentioned in the Chester Recognizance Rolls of 1324 and 1333,7 and in 1338 he makes a grant to his son Robert of lands in Barton.8 This is the last we hear of him. According to the Aldersey Pedigree Roll he married Margaret, daughter of Ralph de Handley, by whom he had three sons: Hugh his son and heir; William, living 1343;9 and Robert, living 1338 10 and 1342.11

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 2. ² Fam. Ev., No. 5.

³ Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. II., m. 27.

⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 4. ⁵ Fam. Ev., No. 6.

⁶ Fam. Ev., No. 7.

⁷ Thirty-sixth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records, App. II, No. 1, p. 3.

⁸ Fam. Ev., Nos. 9 and 11. ⁹ Fam. Ev., No. 13.

¹⁰ Fam. Ev., No. 11. ¹¹ Chester Recog. Rolls, ubi sup.

HUGH DE ALDRESEY, son of Ralph son of Adam, probably succeeded his father soon after 1338. By deed without date (attributed to c. 1330) he settled all his lands within the boundaries of Chester upon his son Hugh in tail; in 1342 he gave a power of distress over all his lands to Robert de Hawardyn, to secure the payment of 20s. per annum for six years,2 and in the following year there is a deed of mutual release between William, son of William le Boydell, and Hugh and William, sons of Ralph son of Adam de Aldresey, in respect of lands on each side of a ditch made between the hey of Hanley, belonging to Boydell, and the field of Aldresey's wode belonging to the Alderseys.3 In 1347 Hugh de Aldresey granted a lease for six years to William, son of Richard son of Thomas de Cholley, of all his lands within the boundaries of Great Aldersey except Le Croft medewe and his part of turbary upon Wolviley and Le Schortebuttes Hands and Le Stokkenebrugge.4 In 1350 and 1351 settlements are made of his lands in Great Aldersey upon himself and his wife and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to John Domvile, jun^r. (son of John Domvile, sen^r.) and Cecily his wife and the heirs of John Domvile, jun^{r.5} On the Sunday after St. Barnabas' Day (11 June), 1354, he made his will, by which he gave directions for his burial in the Church of St. Mary of Codynton, gave 2s. each to the Rector of Codynton and to Sir Thomas the parochial chaplain, and 12d. to Philip the Clerk; the residue of his goods he gave to his wife and son, and appointed Hugh de Ledsam and his own wife executors. His wife's name, as given in the Aldersey Pedigree Roll, was Margaret, daughter

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 8.

⁸ Fam. Ev., No. 13.

^{*} Fam. Ev., Nos. 15 and 16.

² Fam. Ev., No. 12.

⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 14.

⁶ Fam. Ev., No. 17.

of William de Rosingrave, and by her he had one son also named Hugh, who married Margery the daughter and heir of Richard de Barton. It is stated in one of the pedigrees that he died in 1403; if so, there must be a generation omitted in the pedigrees. Beyond question there was a Hugh de Aldresey and Margery his wife who were living in 1424, but considering the length of time which elapsed between the date of the will of the last possessor in 1354 and that of the next Aldersey deed which has been preserved amongst the Family Evidences, and which is dated in 1421, it seems not unlikely that there may have been three successive generations of Hughs, of whom the first married Margaret de Rosingrave and made his will in 1354, the second died in 1403, and the third married the Barton heiress and was living in 1421 and 1424.

However this may be, the next owner of whom we know anything certain was Hugh de Aldresey, living November, 1421, when he granted all his lands in Aldersey to Nicholas Potter, Rector of Coddington, who three years later regranted them, with the exception of one messuage six selions of land and a meadow adjacent, to Hugh and his wife Margery in special tail.1 As already mentioned, Hugh's wife is stated to have been Margery, daughter and heir of Richard de Barton, and the pedigrees state further that they had two sons, William, eldest son and heir, and John, from whom were descended the Alderseys of Bickerton. The Aldersey of Chester Pedigree Roll (of circ. 1655) makes this John the ancestor also of the Alderseys of Horton and Agdon, but in the accompanying pedigrees I have on this point followed the Aldersey Pedigree Roll (of 1629).

WILLIAM DE ALDRESEY was living and had been in
¹ Fam. Ev., Nos. 18 and 19.

possession of the family estates in 1445, when Thomas de Beyston, Henry, son of Henry Brayne, and Ralph Brayne appointed Henry, son of Ralph Brayne, to be their attorney to accept seisin of lands, etc., in Great Aldersey of which William de Aldresey had lately enfeoffed them,1 and two years later, in 1447, Richard Baker, Chaplain of the parish of Bunbere, settled all the lands etc. which he formerly had of the feoffment of William de Aldresey in the vills of Aldresey, Acton near Werham, and Hatton in Dersber upon William de Aldresey and Margery his wife and the heirs of William.² In the Aldersey Pedigree Roll it is stated that William de Aldresey married Margery, daughter and heir of John Touke alias Stalker, of Lower Spurstow, by his wife Margaret, daughter and heir of —— Brayne of Brindley, and it was no doubt owing to this marriage that their son Henry Aldersey eventually succeeded to the Spurstow estates, which have been in the family ever since, and which for many generations became the chief family residence. These estates appear to have belonged originally to the Spurstows of Spurstow, and to have been partly subinfeudated by Richard, son of Coureus de Spurstow, to William, son of William le Stalker, by deed without date [circ. 1240],3 and partly included in an exchange of lands between Roger de Spurstow and Richard le Stalker by deed without date [circ. 1340].4 From the Stalkers they passed to the Braynes,⁵ and in 1398 Thomas Brayne settled them upon his son Henry Brayne in tail.6 After Henry Brayne's death they came to his son Ralph, by whom they appear to have been settled upon his wife Katherine for life with remainder to Henry Aldersey in

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 20.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 272.

⁵ Fam. Ev., Nos. 282-284.

² Fam. Ev., No. 21.

⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 279.

⁶ Fam. Ev., No. 286.

After the death of Ralph Brayne in 1475 his widow enjoyed them, and then a dispute arose between Henry Aldersey and Thomas Brayne, the brother of Ralph, as to the succession. This dispute was submitted to arbitration in 1494,2 but apparently Thomas Brayne died before any award was made. At any rate in 1500 a writ was issued against Henry Aldersey by Ralph Brayne, the son of Thomas, claiming under the settlement of 1398,3 but the parties again submitted to arbitration,4 and on 5 December, 1503, an award was made by William, Bishop of London and Chancellor of England, and John Porte, under which Henry Aldersey was to pay £25 to Ralph Brayne and to keep the lands, Margery Brayne, Ralph's mother, retaining for her life the kneeling place in the pew belonging to the house in Bunbury Church.⁵ The exact nature of the connection between the Stalkers and the Braynes and of that between the Braynes and the Alderseys does not appear from the family deeds, but it seems probable that one of the Braynes married a Stalker heiress, and that Margaret Touke alias Stalker, the mother of Margery Aldersey, was the sister of Ralph Brayne, who died in 1475, his brother Thomas being possibly of the half blood: Henry Aldersey would thus be great nephew and heir-at-law of Ralph Brayne, while Thomas Brayne, and afterwards his son Ralph, would be the heir-in-tail of Henry Brayne under the settlement of 1398. This conjecture affords a plausible explanation of the dispute between the Alderseys and the Braynes. The award of 1503 looks more like a compromise than a decision in accordance with strict legal rights, though the first named arbitrator was

¹ Fam. Ev., Nos. 22-27. ² Fam. Ev., No. 31.

Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 1. Fam. Ev., Nos. 30 and 35. Fam. Ev., No. 36.

Lord Chancellor of England as well as Bishop of London; he was the celebrated William Warham, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury.¹

HENRY ALDRESEY, son and heir of William de Aldresey, with whom the Visitation Pedigree begins, and who succeeded on his father's death to the Aldersey estates and under the award of 1503 to the Spurstow estates, was living in 1474, the date of the above mentioned settlement by Ralph Brayne: in 1484 he conveyed all his lands, etc., in Aldersey, Acton, Hatton, and Spurstow to Hugh Calverley, and, as Richard and William Hockenell were appointed his attorneys to deliver seisin, this conveyance was doubtless executed for the purposes of a settlement made on or after his marriage with Joan, daughter of John Hockenhull, of Hockenhull Platt, gent.² He was still living in September, 1505, when he made a settlement upon his son John and his wife,3 but died before August, 1506, when his widow Alice (who must have been his second wife) and his son John submitted certain differences to arbitration.4 By his first wife, Joan Hockenhull, he had four sons, viz., 1. John, his eldest son and heir; 2. Robert Aldersey, of Chester, alderman, sheriff of Chester 1513 and mayor 1525, who married Anne, daughter of —— Malbon, of Malpas, and was the ancestor of the Alderseys of Kent, Coventry and Wolverhampton;⁵ 3. Hugh Aldersey, of Chester, alderman, sheriff of Chester 1516, mayor 1528, 1541, and 1546, who married Margaret [or Elizabeth] daughter of Randle Bamville, of Gawsworth, and by her had an only daughter, Margaret, who married (1st) Henry [or Thomas] Bunbury, of Stanney, Esq., and (2ndly) Sir Rowland Stanley,

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 38.

² Fam. Ev., No. 29.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 43.

⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 44.

⁵ See accompanying Pedigree, No. 3.

of Hooton, Kt.; and 4. Richard Aldersey, of Picton, who married Margaret, daughter of James Cotgreave, of Hargreave, and from whom were descended a son Ralph, an alderman and merchant of Chester, a grandson William, a celebrated Chester antiquary and mayor of Chester 1595 and 1614, and a great grandson Richard, sheriff of Chester 1614: with the last mentioned Richard the male line of this branch of the family ended; he died in January, 1616, a few months before his father, leaving two daughters, of whom Mary married Thomas Trafford, of Bridge Trafford, Esq., and Elizabeth (a post-humous child), married the Rev. William Mostyn, rector of Christleton and afterwards Archdeacon of Bangor.¹

Henry Aldersey was succeeded, on his death in or about 1506, by his eldest son John Aldersey, who married Agnes or Anne, daughter of Thomas Bridde, of Clotton, co. Chester, the marriage settlement being dated 16 September, 1504.2 Among the family papers are two wills of this John Aldersey, of Spurstow, the one dated 23 September, 1528, and relating to lands only with a feoffment annexed to it bearing the same date,3 the other dated 30 September, 1554, and relating to goods and chattels only, which latter was proved before the Dean of Nantwich, 17 November, 1554, and this gives us approximately the date of his death about October in that year.4 John Aldersey had five sons, viz., John, Thomas, Richard, Ralph and Hugh, and one daughter Katherine, who married Ralph Pike, of Worcestershire (or Wiltshire). Of his three younger sons we know nothing, except that Richard was living in

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 165. ² Fam. Ev., No. 39.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 51.

Fam. Ev., Miscellaneous Bundle A, No. 6, (numbered 53 A in the transcripts in the Appendix, inf.).

1554, and mentioned in his father's will. Thomas, the second son, was a citizen and haberdasher of London, and founder (in 1594) of the Free Grammar School and of an endowment for a preacher at Bunbury out of the rent reserved on leases of tithes of the Rectory of Bunbury, which he had purchased from the Crown after the dissolution of the College of Bunbury: he married Alice, daughter of Richard Calthrop, of Antingham in Norfolk, and died without issue in 1599. His portrait, taken in 1588 at the age of 66, is still at Aldersey Hall, and there is also a portrait of him at the Haberdashers' Hall.

JOHN ALDERSEY, the eldest son, who succeeded on his father's death in 1554, married Annes or Anne, daughter of Hugh Aston, of Aston, their marriage settlement being dated 3 September, 1528.2 His will is dated 29 November, 1581,3 and he died in the following year, and was buried at Bunbury, 17 October, 1582. widow survived him for several years, and was buried at Bunbury, 26 July, 1599: her will, dated 30 June, 1599, was proved before the Dean of Nantwich, 4 August, 1599.4 John Aldersey had a dispute with the representatives of Robert Aldersey, his distant kinsman and lessee of his Aldersey estates, which was made the subject of an award, dated 22 May, 1565, by Randolph Spurstow, Esq., and others.⁵ He had two sons, Randle and John, and five daughters, viz.: Alice, who married Thomas Montrose, of Hargreave; Katherine, who married Edward Cotton, of Cotton; Eleanor, who married William Bebington, of Chorley; Elizabeth, who married

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 237. ² Fam. Ev., No. 48. ³ Fam. Ev., No. 58.

⁴ Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 16 (numbered 67 A in the transcripts in the Appendix, inf.).

Fam. Ev., No. 55, cf. Miscel. Bundle A, No. 4.

John Egerton, of Christleton; and Anne, who married John Rowe, of Bickley. John, the second son, who was a merchant in London, and was left heir to his uncle Thomas, the founder of Bunbury School, married Anne, daughter of Simon Lowe, of London, merchant, and by her had a numerous family, of whom the eldest surviving son, Samuel, also a merchant in London, married Mary, daughter of Philip Van Oyrle, of Hornbergh and Antwerp, and carried on the line of this branch of the family; and one of the daughters, Elizabeth, married as her second husband Thomas, first Lord Coventry, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal. Portraits of the last-mentioned John Aldersey and his daughter-in-law, Mary Van Oyrle, as well as those of Lord and Lady Coventry, are preserved at Aldersley Hall.

RANDLE ALDERSEY, who succeeded his father in 1582, married, circa 1566, Anne, daughter of Robert Cowper, and widow of John Dod, of Cholmondely. In March, 1583, shortly after his father's death, he made a settlement of his estates in Aldersey, Spurstow, and Acton, upon himself for life, with remainders for the benefit of his wife and two sons, John and Thomas, and his brother Thomas successively, charged with portions for his two daughters, Frances and Mary. Thomas, his second son, died without issue; Frances married in 1596 William Allen, of Brindley, and Mary died unmarried in 1593. Randle Aldersey was buried at Bunbury, 25 May, 1600; his wife, who predeceased him, was also buried there, 25 September, 1590.

Randle Aldersey was succeeded by his eldest son and heir, John Aldersey, who was born in the year 1567. He married Anne, daughter of Richard Ward, of Cotton, co. Salop, and by her had two sons and five daughters,

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 60.

viz., Thomas, his eldest son, who succeeded him; and John, a merchant of London, baptized at Bunbury, 16 February, 1604-5, who married Katherine (or Frances), granddaughter of Thomas Burton, of Longnor, co. Salop, and sister of William Burton (the author of "A Commentary on Antoninus his Itinerary"), and died in 1656, leaving two sons, Joseph and William, and three daughters. It seems probable that this Joseph Aldersey was the ancestor of the Alderseys of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, and of South Australia, (see Pedigree No. 5). Of the five daughters of John Aldersey, of Aldersey and Spurstow, Anne married William Raven, of Elworth co. Chester; Mary married George Huxley, of Brindley; Grace married Richard Basnet, of Eyton, co. Denbigh; and Frances married Thomas Edwards, of Killendre, co. Salop; the fifth, Elizabeth, died in early infancy in During John Aldersey's life, several additions were made to the family estates. In 1593 he took a long lease from his great uncle, Thomas Aldersey, the founder of Bunbury School, of the tithes of Bunbury, except the tithes of Ridley, for a term of 500 years at the rent of £122 per annum: in 1599 he made an exchange of lands in Barton with Hugh Dod, of Chester, for lands at Aldersey and Hartford:2 in 1619 he purchased, or possibly repurchased, from Hugh Calveley, of Aldersey, two fields at Aldersey called the Gorstie Croft and the Little Potts Moore, the latter of which had some fifteen years previously been acquired by Hugh Calveley from John Massie, of Coddington:3 in 1610 he purchased from George Calveley, of the Lea, Bridd's fields,

¹ Fam. Ev., Nos. 339—341; cf. Ormerod's Cheshire, second edition, ii. 258.

² Fam. Ev., No. 66.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 71; Ib. Miscel. Bundle D, No. 6.

in Bunbury, and in 1618 and 1627 he made other purchases in Bunbury from Sir Hugh Beeston² and from Sir Henry Bunbury, of Stanney: in 1638 he acquired by release from his cousins Mary Trafford and Elizabeth Mostyn, the two granddaughters and co-heirs of William Aldersey, the Chester antiquary, and from his distant kinsman, Robert Aldersey, of Middle Aldersey, two fields in Middle Aldersey, called the Meadow Field and the Crofts, which had previously belonged to Robert Aldersey, and in which John Aldersey had invested on mortgage certain money left to him, as trustee for his cousins Mary and Elizabeth, by their grandfather William Aldersey.4 John Aldersey's wife Anne was buried at Bunbury, 19 January, 1646-7, and he himself died in the year 1652. His portrait, taken in 1651, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, still exists at Aldersey Hall.

Thomas Aldersey, the eldest son and heir of John Aldersey, was baptized at Bunbury, 14 July, 1600: he entered at Gray's Inn, 15 May, 1622: on 2 May, 1629, he had a grant under the Great Seal of England, of the Office of Escheator for the County of Chester in reversion after the death of Hugh Mainwaring.⁵ In 1632 he married Elizabeth one of the daughters, and eventually, after the death of her brother Robert, the heir ⁶ of John Robotham of Newland or Newlane, co. Herts. The marriage contract is dated 7 May, 1632, and the post-nuptial settlement 1 October, 1633.⁷ By this lady, who survived him and was buried at Bunbury, 23 December, 1692, he had five sons and five daughters, viz.: (1) Thomas, his son and heir; (2) John, baptized at Bunbury, 24 March,

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 343.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 350.

² Fam. Ev., No. 347.

⁴ Fam. Ev., Nos. 165, 166.

⁵ Fam. Ev., No. 73. ⁶ Fam. Ev., No. 83. ⁷ Fam. Ev., No. 74; Miscel. Bundle A, No. 22.

1638, who in December, 1680, married Susanna Horshell of St. Andrew's, Holborn, being himself then a resident in the parish of St. Mary Abchurch, London: according to a pedigree of the Aldersey family in the possession of Mrs. Jarvis of Doddington Hall, co. Lincoln, and apparently compiled by a descendant of John Aldersey and Katherine Burton in January 1697-8 and the following year or two, he had a daughter and two sons then living; (3) Robert, baptized at Bunbury, 25 September, 1642, who married and had daughters living in 1683, of whom one named Elizabeth married the Rev. Ralph Markham, Rector of Tarporley: in the above mentioned pedigree in the possession of Mrs. Jarvis, he is stated to have died in 1699; (4) William, baptized at Bunbury, 4 September, 1651, who was living at Chester in 1675, and was described as of All Hallows, Bread Street, London, Ironmonger, in December, 1679, when he married Mary Harling of Lombard Street, London: this William Aldersey was the ancestor of a branch of the family settled at Chester in the 18th and 19th centuries, the last survivors of which left considerable property to the Alderseys of Aldersey and Spurstow; and (5) Alban, baptized at Bunbury, 29 April, 1657, and living unmarried in 1698. Of the daughters Rebecca, who was baptized at Bunbury, 10 March, 1632-3, married in December, 1655, John Travers of Horton cum Peele co. Chester; Elizabeth, who was baptized at Bunbury, 30 May, 1637, was living at Spurstow in 1691, and still unmarried in 1697-8; Anne was living with her uncle, Robert Robotham, at Newland in 1691, she was still unmarried in 1697-98, but in or before 1699 she was married to John Rochford; Mary, who was baptized at

¹ Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 90.

Bunbury, 10 December, 1648, was living at Spurstow in 1691, and unmarried in 1697-8, but afterwards married Isaac Basnett of Heycroft in Spurstow; and Martha, who was baptized at Bunbury, 28 February, 1653, was living in 1691 and 1721. Thomas Aldersey, the Escheator for Cheshire, made an important addition to the family estates by purchasing from Peter Dutton of Hatton in 1662 a moiety of the manor of Aldersey, a chief rent of 4d. issuing out of Aldersey Hall in Middle Aldersey, and four farms at Crook Aldersey and Great Aldersey then occupied by Thomas Pulford, John Smith, Richard Smith and John Palin respectively. By this purchase the Alderseys became possessed of the whole manor, the other moiety having continued in their possession ever since the reign of Edward I., if not earlier. Thomas Aldersey died in 1675, and was buried at Bunbury on 19 October of that year. His portrait taken in the year 1668, at. 68, is still at Aldersey Hall.

He was was succeeded by his eldest son and heir Thomas Aldersey, who was born at Spurstow 25 February, and baptized at Bunbury 1 March, 1634-5: he matriculated at Brasenose College, Oxford, 20 May, 1653: entered at Gray's Inn, 22 December, 1654, and was called to the bar in the year 1663. In the following year he married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Lee of Lee and Dernhall, by whom he had three sons and six daughters. The first two sons, Robert and Samuel, succeeded in turn to the family estates, and will be referred to more particularly hereafter; the third, John, was born 4 October, and baptized at Tarporley 7 October, 1677, became afterwards a Citizen and Haberdasher of London, and died there without issue 2 December, 1730. Of the daughters

¹ Fam. Ev., Nos. 235 and 236.

all but one died in early infancy: Mary, the fifth but only surviving daughter, who was born at Chester 27 November, 1675, married in 1703 Lloyd Edwards of Rorrington, co. Salop, Esq., and died in 1714. In the year 1672 Thomas Aldersey purchased from some of the children of John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey (but not including his youngest son Caldecot) all their interest in the reversion of Aldersey Hall and other lands in Middle Aldersey expectant on the determination of a 60 years' lease which had been granted in the year 1663 to William and Ellen Slater: this purchase seems to have been made under the impression, a mistaken one as the event proved, that Caldecot Aldersey's interest under his father's will was a life interest only, but it only led to prolonged litigation, and in two ejectment actions, one in 1709 and the other in 1723, it was held that Caldecot Aldersey had taken under the will an estate in fee, and consequently these lands were all recovered by his son, also named Caldecot.² Thomas Aldersey also purchased, in 1674, from William Moulton of Faddeley a farm in Great Aldersey which had previously belonged to George Calveley of Hanley.³ In 1680 he purchased from the co-heirs of Charles Spurstow, Esq., of Spurstow, the reversion in fee simple of certain lands at Spurstow called the Hullenhursts or Hullandes, the Buckelhurst, the long crofts or Caulver Crofts, and the Golbornes Croft, which his predecessors had rented from the Spurstows under leases for lives for several generations.4 In 1700 he sold the manor of Newland, co. Herts, which had descended to him as heir to his mother Elizabeth Aldersey, the sister and heir of Robert Robotham.⁵ In 1706 and 1707

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 188. ² Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, Nos. 80, 92.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 248. ⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 311.

⁵ Fam. Ev., No. 83.

he acquired from John Mottershed of Aldersey and his mortgagees three closes adjoining Aldersey Hall called the Crofts and the Meadow Field, which had formerly belonged to the Alderseys of Middle Aldersey, and had been purchased by John Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow in 1638, and sold by him a few years after to Thomas Mottershed, and also a close in Great Aldersey called Higher Hey or Hutchins' Hey, which had formerly belonged to George Calveley of Milton, and afterwards to Anthony Hutchins. Thomas Aldersey died in the year 1715, and was buried at Bunbury 20 May. His wife Margaret survived him and died in April, 1722, her will being dated 27 October, 1721. Thomas Aldersey's portrait is at Aldersey Hall.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, the eldest son and successor of Thomas Aldersey, was born at Chester 22 August, 1670: he entered at Gray's Inn 23 June, 1691. In February, 1697-8, he married Jane, eldest daugher and co-heir of Thomas Webb, of Middlewick, but had no issue by her. In 1693 he purchased the Slaters' lease of Aldersey Hall and the lands held therewith, but the lease expired in 1723, when Caldecot Aldersey recovered them as already mentioned. Robert Aldersey died without issue 30 January, 1730-1, and was buried at Bunbury: his will, dated two days before his death, was proved at Chester 23 November, 1733.⁴ His widow, Jane, was buried at Bunbury, 25 May, 1743, having made a will, dated 10 August, 1742.⁵

Robert Aldersey was succeeded by his next brother,

¹ Fam. Ev., Nos. 160, 164-169, 87, 89 and 93.

² Fam. Ev., Nos. 231, 240-244, 346, 247, 250-254, 257-260, 262, 263, 87, 89 and 93.

³ Fam. Ev., M scel. Bundle A, No. 88 (numbered 95* in the Appendix inf.).

⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 106.

^{*} Fam. Ev., No. 112.

SAMUEL ALDERSEY, who was born at Chester 4 December, He was educated at Brasenose College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. 1694 and M.A. 1700, and having taken holy orders, was appointed in 1706 one of the domestic chaplains to Hugh, Earl of Cholmondely.1 He was Preacher of Bunbury 1708-1714, when he was appointed to the important Rectory of Wigan, co. Lancs. He married, at Llanyblodwell, 8 Oct. 1702, Henrietta, daughter of Henry Bridgeman, D.D., Dean of Chester and Bishop of Sodor and Man, (fifth son of John Bridgeman, Bishop of Chester, and younger brother of Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Bart., Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, temp. Charles II.) and by her, who survived him and died 8 December, 1756, in the 78th year of her age, he had a numerous family consisting of ten sons, Thomas, John, Robert, Henry, Samuel, another Samuel, Orlando, Bridgeman, Randall, and another Henry, and six daughters, Jane, Frances, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary, and Henrietta. Of these the eldest son, Thomas, the third, Robert, and the sixth, Samuel, succeeded in turn to the family estates; the second son, John, who was born at Spurstow, 15 November, 1704, died without issue in January, and was buried at Bunbury 2 February, 1730-1; the fourth, Henry, was born at Bunbury, 17 September, 1710, and died in early infancy, 31 January following; the fifth, Samuel, was born at Bunbury, 20 October, 1711, and died young, 7 January, 1712; the seventh, Orlando, was born at Wigan, 29 November, 1715, and buried there 7 January, 1725-6; the eighth, Bridgeman, who was born at Wigan 22 January, 1716-7, married Nancy, daughter of Foote Gower, M.D., and died 29 December, 1771, having had a daughter, Maria; the ninth, Randall, was born at Wigan, 26 November, 1720, and ouried there 9

May, 1721; and the tenth, Henry, was born at Wigan, 25 August, 1723, and married Hannah, daughter of ---; they were both living in 1750,1 but he afterwards died without issue. Of the daughters Jane, who was born at Spurstow, 14 October, 1705, married Thomas Lancaster, of Warrington; Frances, who was born at Huxley, 20 October, 1706, married (first) on 15 June, 1725, Humphrey Kynaston, of Chester, who died in 1737, and (2ndly) —— Holt, Esq.; Elizabeth, born at Huxley, 4 January, 1707-8, died unmarried; Margaret, born at Bunbury, 29 October, 1712, married ---- Hasketh, of Warrington; Mary, born at Bunbury, 6 November, 1713, was buried at Wigan, 20 January, 1717-8; and Henrietta, born at Wigan, 21 July, 1718, was buried there I May, 1719. In the year 1702, long before he succeeded to the family estates in 1731, Samuel Aldersey had purchased from Thomas Yate, of Darnford in Whitchurch, co. Salop, a small farm in Aldersey, then in the occupation of Samuel Parsonage: 2 in 1736, a few years before his death, he purchased from his distant kinsman, Caldecot Aldersey, and his daughter Jane, the mansion house called Aldersey Hall, which had been the seat of the branch of the family settled at Middle Aldersey for many generations, but had been let for the last sixty years before the purchase, and the surrounding closes containing twenty-four acres (Cheshire measure) in Middle Aldersey, another house and croft containing two acres adjoining Aldersey Green in Great Aldersey, and the Cockshutt field, containing ten acres, in Middle Aldersey.3 His will is dated 5 March, 1740-1.4 He

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 115.

² Fam. Ev., No. 264.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 199.

Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 110 (numbered 110A in the transcripts in the Appendix, inf.).

died 16 April, 1741, and was buried at Wigan. A copy of the inscription on his tombstone is amongst the family papers, but the tombstone itself could not be found at Wigan in 1891. His portrait in the sixtieth year of his age, painted by James Fellows in 1733, is at Aldersey Hall, as well as those of his wife and father-in-law, Henry Bridgeman, Bishop of Sodor and Man, and that of Sir Orlando Bridgeman, the Lord Keeper.

The Rev. Samuel Aldersey was succeeded by his eldest son, Thomas Aldersey, who was born at Spurstow 24 July, 1703, and educated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. 1724, M.A. 1727, and M.D. 1733: he did not, however, live long to enjoy the family estates, for he died without issue little more than a year after his father, and was buried at Bunbury, 12 July, 1742. By his will, which was dated 6 July, 1742, and proved at Chester 10 September, 1742,2 he devised Aldersey Hall to his brother Samuel upon trust for the first son of his brother Robert who should attain twenty-one, and in default of such son for Samuel's own use. Mary, eldest daughter and co-heir of Cornelius Hignett, of Darland and Ashton, co. Chester, whom he married in 1731, survived her husband and was living at Wigan in 1759: she died in January, 1771, and was buried at Bunbury. The portraits of Dr. Thomas Aldersey, painted by James Fellows in 1733, and of his wife and her sister, Miss Catherine Hignett, are at Aldersey Hall.

¹ Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 113.

² Fam. Ev., No. 111. Fam. Ev., No. 114.

out issue 22 November, 1745, and was succeeded by his next surviving brother.

SAMUEL ALDERSEY, the sixth son of the Rev. Samuel Aldersey, rector of Wigan, who thus succeeded to the family estates on the death of his elder brothers, was born at Wigan, 29 November, 1714, matriculated at Oxford from Christ's Church, 29 November, 1731, and graduated at Cambridge (Trinity Hall) in 1738, in which year he was admitted to priest's orders1 and licensed as curate of Wiston, co. Huntingdon.² He was curate of Malpas from 1739 to 1748; in 1760 he was appointed domestic chaplain to Gertrude, Countess Dowager of Kerry; from 1760 to 1761 he was vicar (or curate) of Bunbury, and in 1763, having augmented the stipend of that vicarage or curacy, he received the bishop's license to officiate instead as preacher of Bunbury.4 He was twice married. By his first wife, Margaret, youngest daughter and co-heiress of Cornelius Hignett of Darland and Ashton, co. Chester, who died in January, 1783, he had two sons, Robert and Samuel, and two daughters, Margaret, who was born at Wigan I May, 1739, and died 1 April, 1740, and Catherine, who was born at Malpas 14 January, 1740-1, died at Chester 27 August, 1757, and was buried at Bunbury. His second wife, to whom he was married 2 May, 1785, and who survived him and died, without leaving issue, in March, 1828, was Charles (sic) Catherine, daughter of Sir Charles Erskine of Aloa, N.B., Bart.⁵ Samuel Aldersey died 12 February, 1802, and was buried at Bunbury; his will, dated 19 August, 1788, with a codicil dated 6 November, 1800, was proved in 1802.6 His portrait, taken

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 110. ² Fam. Ev., No. 109.

³ Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 140. ⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 123.

Fam. Ev., No. 128. Fam. Ev., Miscel. Bundle A, No. 147.

when he was a boy of fourteen years of age, and that of his first wife, Margaret Hignett, are at Aldersey Hall.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, eldest son of the Rev. Samuel Aldersey by his first wife, who succeeded on the death of his father in 1802, was born 22 March, 1737-8, and was brought up to the profession of the law, having entered at the Inner Temple, of which he afterwards became a Bencher. On the death of his aunt, Catherine Hignett, the co-heir (with his mother and his uncle's widow) of Cornelius Hignett, in 17851 he became the sole heir of his maternal grandfather. He died unmarried on 19 November, 1802, less than a year after succeeding to the family estates, and was buried in the Temple Church. His portrait is at Aldersey Hall. In the year 1790, before he came into possession of the estates, he purchased a farm in Crook Aldersey from the Messrs. Edwards of Chester,² and during his short tenure he added further to the estates by the purchase of a farm in Aldersey, which had formerly belonged to the Massies of Coddington, from the trustees and widow of John Golbourne of Chorley and their mortgagees, the Misses Day-Jackson.³

SAMUEL ALDERSEY, who succeeded his brother Robert, was born at Malpas, 30 June, 1742. He married in 1773 Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Wotton of Haddenham, co. Bucks, and had by her two sons and four daughters, viz.: 1, Samuel, who succeeded his father; 2, Thomas, born 19 March, 1782, died unmarried 1 January, 1824, and was buried at Bunbury, where there is a monumental inscription to his memory; to this Thomas Aldersey his kinsman, Daniel Aldersey of Chester, who died in 1821, devised a reversionary

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 485. ² Fam. Ev., No. 144. ³ Fam. Ev., No. 146.

estate in fee simple in lands in Huxley, Great and Little Saughall, Thornton Hough, and Newton, co. Chester, but he died before the reversion fell into possession, leaving his brother Samuel his heir.¹ The daughters were: (1) Catherine, born 27 January, 1774, who died unmarried; (2) Margaret, born 29 November, 1779, who died unmarried 10 April, 1818; (3) Elizabeth, born 2 April, 1784, who married the Rev. George Usher Harding; and (4) Margaret Maria, who died an infant. Like his brother Robert, Samuel Aldersey had the enjoyment of the family estates for a few months only, for he died 24 August, 1803, and was buried at Bunbury. His widow survived him for many years, and did not die till 1841; she was buried at Coddington.

SAMUEL ALDERSEY, eldest son of Samuel Aldersey and Elizabeth his wife, was born at Bromsgrove, co. Worcester, 17 September, 1776, and succeeded to the estates in 1803. He was sheriff of Cheshire in 1816 and 1830. In 1813 he purchased from Bennett Rowland, of Carden, relict of Daniel Rowland, and Daniel Rowland Barker a piece of land in Aldersey, called Coddington meadow, and a pew in Coddington Church.² In 1828 he also bought from the surviving trustee of the will of Peter Legh, Esq., of Lyme, a farm at Aldersey called the Aldersey Manor Farm; 3 and this he conveyed in the following year to Robert Aldersey of Chester as trustee of the family estates under the Aldersey Estate Act 1816.4 This farm had come to Peter Legh of Lyme as one of the co-heirs of Sir Hugh Calveley of Lea, lord of the manor of Hanley, and the purchase purported to include also the manor of Aldersey, which was claimed by the Calveleys as parcel of the manor.

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 140; cf. No. 480. ² Fam. Ev., No. 138.

³ Fam. Ev., No. 137. ⁴ Fam. Ev., No. 136.

of Hanley. If any manor of Aldersey ever really belonged to the Calveleys it must have been a subordinate manor created by Adam Aldersey by sub-infeudation to the Hanleys before 1290, and may have comprised originally one sixteenth part of the whole vill of Aldersey.1 There had been previous disputes between the Calveleys and Leghs and the Alderseys as to this manor, which was the subject of an award made in 1709, by which the title of the Alderseys to the entirety of the manor of Aldersey was affirmed, but it was also decided that the whole township of Aldersey was within the view and court leet of Hanley.² Samuel Aldersey married, 9 August, 1824, Lucy, daughter of George Baylis, Esq., of Shifnal, co. Salop, and had by her two sons and two daughters. Of the sons Hugh Robert, the eldest, was born at Aldersey 19 November, 1828, and dying unmarried in his father's lifetime on 24 December, 1842, was buried at Coddington, where there is a stained glass window erected to his memory; Thomas, the second son, was his father's successor. Of the daughters Susan Mary was born at Aldersey 17 February, 1826, married at Coddington 4 July, 1850, Augustus Kelham, Esq., of Bedford and afterwards of Chester, and died 23 January, 1889; Lucy Anne was born at Aldersey 5 June, 1827, married at Coddington 30 November, 1854, Charles James Trevor-Roper, Esq., of Plâs Teg, co. Flint, and died 1 March, 1871. By virtue of the will of Daniel Aldersey of Chester, dated 22 January, 1821, and proved in June, 1821,3 the death without issue of his two brothers Robert and William in or before February, 1835, and a settlement dated 8 and 9 March, 1830, between

¹ Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. II., m. 27 (referred to ante pp. 6, 7).

² Fam. Ev., No. 95. Cf. ib. Misc. Bundle A, No. 63.

² Fam. Ey., No. 140.

Robert Aldersey of Chester and his wife Susanna and Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, the latter came into possession of lands in Huxley, Great and Little Saughall, Thornton Hough, and Newton, co. Chester, as heir to his younger brother Thomas, who died in 1824 as already mentioned,² as well as of a sum of £12,000 directed to be applied in discharge of incumbrances affecting his real estates. Under the will, dated 22 October, 1838, of Susanna Aldersey, widow of Robert Aldersey of Chester, he acquired her plate as heirlooms for Aldersey Hall, also the portraits of his own two daughters, as well as those of the testatrix, her husband, and her sister (Miss Cochrane), and all the other family portraits in her possession.³ Samuel Aldersey died 17 July, 1855, and was buried at Coddington, where the east window was put up to his memory; his widow died 28 May, 1868, and was buried at the same place. Portraits of them both, as well as that of their two daughters as children, all painted by Frank Stone, are at Aldersey Hall.

Thomas Aldersey, the second but eldest surviving son of Samuel Aldersey, who succeeded to the estates on the death of his father in 1855 and is still living, was born at Aldersey 30 March, 1830. He served as sheriff of Chester in 1862. On 5 February, 1856, he married Rose Sidney, second daughter of the Rev. George Beecher Blomfield, Rector of Stevenage, co. Herts, and Canon of Chester, by Frances Maria his wife, daughter of the Rev. Richard Massie of Coddington. By her, who died 25 September, 1887, and was buried at Coddington, he had two sons and three daughters, viz.: (1) Hugh Aldersey, eldest son and heir apparent, of Crook Aldersey, born 2 February, 1858, married 3 April, 1888, Evelyn, seventh daughter of the

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 480. ² Ante, p. 30. ² Fam. Ev., No. 143.

Rev. Francis Coulman Royds, rector of Coddington, and has three sons—Hugh, born 28 December, 1888; Ralph, born 20 March, 1890; and Mark, born 28 October, 1897. (2) Thomas, born 28 January, 1860, married 19 April, 1887, Annie Augusta, daughter of the Rev. W. B. Garnett Botfield of Decker Hill, co. Salop, and has three children—Thomas Francis Garnett, born 12 January, 1888; Walter Massie, born 16 March, 1891; and Gladys Valentine, born 14 February, 1889. (3) Constance, born 6 December, 1856. (4) Rose Frances, born 17 November, 1861. (5) Ida Mary, born 11 April, 1865, married 28 September, 1886, Charles Ramsay Garnett Botfield, fourth son of the Rev. W. B. Garnett Botfield of Decker Hill, co. Salop. In the years 1869 and 1870 various outlying farms belonging to the Aldersey family were offered for sale, including 200 acres at Gosland Green in Bunbury, parts of which were sold to Messrs. Tollemache and Jones for £3,470; 124 acres at Great and Little Saughall in Shotwick, sold to Mr. Trelawney for £9,000; 215 acres at Peel Hall, near Tarvin in the townships of Ashton, Horton-cum-Peel, and Barrow, sold to Mr. William Atkinson for £17,350, and a farm at Tiresford sold to Captain E. W. Park Yates for £7,000. Part of the purchase money derived from these sales was applied in the year 1870 in increasing the family estates in the neighbourhood of Aldersey by the purchase from Captain E. W. Park Yates of the hamlet of Bechin, one of the three manors which formed the Saxon vill of Coddington, and which had descended through the Bottilers to the Massies, from whom it passed by sale to the Wilbrahams, Whitleys, Mainwarings, and Inces.1 In 1877 two farms containing 207 acres, at Huxley in Waverton, were also sold, the purchase money amounting

¹ Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 734.

to £14,338. In 1880 Mr. Thomas Aldersey effected an exchange of a farm at Aldersey with Mr. John Larden Bromfield of Brook Hall, Tattenhall, for other lands at Aldersey, but in 1892 all the lands so given in exchange were repurchased, and with other land belonging to Mr. Larden Bromfield at Aldersey conveyed to Mr. Hugh Aldersey of Crook Aldersey, eldest son and heir-apparent of Mr. Thomas Aldersey of Aldersey.

The main line of the family has now been traced in some detail from the time of Henry III. or Edward I. to the present time. Something should also be said about the junior branches of the family, but a brief notice must suffice in this place: for further particulars I must refer to the accompanying pedigrees. Some reference has already been made to the Alderseys of Middle Aldersey, descended from that Robert Aldersey, second son of Adam de Aldersey, who had a suit with Hugh de Hatton in 1308. These lands in Middle Aldersey devolved in the direct line of this branch of the family until the middle of the seventeenth century, when John Aldersey, who died in 1667, devised them to his youngest son Caldecot, the son by his second wife. In 1736 another Caldecot Aldersey, son of the last mentioned Caldecot, and his only daughter Jane sold Aldersey Hall and the rest of his lands in Middle Aldersey to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Wigan, and then owner of Aldersey and Spurstow.

Several of the younger sons of the various branches of the Aldersey family established themselves as traders in London and Chester, and they furnish a goodly list of persons who rose to distinction in the latter municipality and served from time to time as mayors and sheriffs of Chester. The first of the family whose name appears in this capacity was Robert Aldersey, second

son of Henry Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow, and ancestor of the Alderseys of Kent, London, and Staffordshire, who was sheriff of Chester in 1513 and mayor in 1525, while his son Thomas Aldersey was sheriff in 1538 and mayor in 1549. Again, Hugh Aldersey, third son of Henry Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow, served as sheriff in 1516 and mayor in 1528, 1541, and 1546. Ralph Aldersey, son of Richard Aldersey of Picton, the fourth son of the same Henry Aldersey, was sheriff in 1541; his son William Aldersey, the celebrated Chester antiquary, was sheriff in 1584 and mayor in 1595 and 1614; and his grandson Richard Aldersey (son of the antiquary) was sheriff in 1614. The parentage of William Aldersey, Sheriff of Chester 1539, and mayor 1560 (and M.P. for Chester city 1553?), is uncertain. According to the Pedigree Roll of the Alderseys of Chester (i.e., their own pedigree roll), copied in Harl. MSS. 2094, ff. 88 et seq., and the Visitation pedigree of 1613 (Harl. MSS. 2153, fo. 39), he was son of Ralph Aldersey, younger son of John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey and Alice Standish, by his wife Anne, daughter of John Hawardyn of Wolstan, co. Lancs.: and in the accompanying pedigree I have adopted this descent as the most usually accepted one. But according to the Aldersey Pedigree Roll by Jacob Chaloner in 1629, he was an illegitimate son of Ralph Aldersey, a priest, the brother of John Aldersey of Horton, Robert Aldersey of Great Aldersey, and Thomas Aldersey of Agdon, and descended from Ralph, brother of Adam de Aldersey.1 In the pedigree given in Ormerod's Cheshire he is made son of John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, the eldest son of John Aldersey and

¹ Cf. Harl. MSS. 2119, fo. 9, and Harl. MSS. 2153, fo. 39b.

² Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 739.

Alice Standish, and this seems to be the view adopted by the late Mr. Earwaker, if I rightly understand a pencil note in his MS. pedigree; but I can find no other authority for this latter descent. Whatever his true parentage may have been, this William Aldersey was the progenitor of several other distinguished citizens of Chester. His eldest son, Fulk Aldersey, was mayor in 1594: his second son, John Aldersey, was sheriff in 1596 and mayor in 1603: his grandson William, son of John, (sometimes called William Aldersey, junior, to distinguish him from his namesake and cotemporary William Aldersey, senior, the antiquary,) was sheriff in 1603 and mayor in 1613. The name of Aldersey occurs on two other occasions amongst the sheriffs of Chester, viz.: Thomas Aldersey, sheriff 1627 and mayor 1640, and John Aldersey, sheriff 1629. The latter was a younger son of the branch of the family settled at Horton, and went into business in Chester as an ironmonger. The parentage of the former I have not been able to discover with any certainty, but possibly he may be identical with the Thomas Aldersey of the city of Chester, merchant, to whom William Aldersey the antiquary bequeathed £40,1 and also with the Thomas Aldersey of Chester, alderman, who is given in Harl. MSS. 21532 as an illegitimate son of this William Aldersey.

William Aldersey, "senior," as he was sometimes called, mayor of Chester 1595 and 1614, was a person of considerable eminence as a Chester antiquary, and deserves a separate and more detailed notice. Amongst the family documents at Aldersey is a thin quarto MS. volume containing the collections made by this William

¹ Inq. p.m. of William Aldersey (Chester Inq., 15 Jac. I., No. 136).

² Harl. MSS. 2153, fo. 38.

Aldersey for a complete list of the mayors of Chester, with notes of the chief events which happened during each mayor's year of office, and incidental notices about his own family. An interesting account of this volume will be found in an article in the "Cheshire Sheaf" by the learned editor, the late Mr. J. P. Earwaker, from which the following extract is taken:

"By the courtesy of Hugh Aldersey, Esq., of the Crook, Aldersey, near Chester, we have recently had lent to us an interesting MS. volume containing the collections made by Mr. William Aldersey, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, for a complete list of the mayors of Chester, with notes of the chief events happening during each mayor's year of office. This MS. is a thin quarto volume, written in a somewhat small and cramped hand, in the handwriting of the end of the sixteenth century. It is in fair preservation, but the edges are much frayed. The leaves should be carefully repaired and the volume rebound, which would preserve it for future generations. As far as can be ascertained this appears to be the original MS., drawn up by Mr. Aldersey about the year 1595, and continued by him till his death in 1616, and also brought down to the year 1637 by other hands.

"It is a matter of much interest that this MS. should still be in existence and in the possession of the Aldersey family, as this collection is the original source of the best list of the Mayors and Sheriffs of Chester, and the chief events which have happened in the city, printed in every History of Chester since King's 'Vale Royal of England,' was published in 1656. In that book, the first portion, written by Mr. William Smith, 'Rouge Dragon, pursuivant at arms,' one of the heralds of the

^{1 &}quot;Cheshire Sheaf," New Series, i. 120, 123, 126; cf. pp. 156-157.

Heralds' College, London, contains a list of the Mayors and Sheriffs commencing in the year 1320 and coming down to 158,6, with notes of the chief occurrences in the latter part of the 17th century. In the second part of that book, written by Mr. William Webb, M.A., 'sometime a clerk in the Maior's Court at Chester,' in or about the year 1620, there is another and much fuller list of the Mayors and Sheriffs of Chester, commencing in the year 1242, and brought down to the year 1655, the year before the date of the publication of the book. This list, as Mr. Webb informs us, in more than one place, is based upon the collections made by Mr. William Aldersey, who was Sheriff of the city in 1584, and Mayor in 1595 and 1614. Thus on page 156 ('Vale Royal of England,' part ii.), referring to the government of Chester he writes as follows:

"And herein I can never sufficiently and with due praise extoll the Industry and care of a late Worthy Citizen and Alderman, and twice Maior of this City, Mr. William Aldersey, Merchant, who deceased in Octob. 1617, who as amongst all other the commendable pains he took for the maintaining of all the Rights and profits of this City, so did he continually labour to rectifie the ancient Records and Monuments, and to find out such proofs as he could by any means attain unto, for the true relation of the Government and Governours of the same, as by some Notes of his, which for the better reporting of these things, have been afforded me, and which I have specially followed.'

"And again on page 161, in introducing the list of the Mayors and Sheriffs of the city, he writes:

"'The said Worthy Alderman Mr. William Aldersey, though he ever gave due respect [unto]

and reverenced the Collections of other industrious men that had laboured in the Antiquities of the City, yet he found, that the most common received accompt of the beginning of this Maioralty ascribed to the 53. year of Henry the 3. when Sir John Arnway Knight, is supposed to be the first Maior, is untrue: And that in the 26th year of the same king, the first Maior was Walter Lynnet, concerning whom he thus delivereth his opinion. This Walter Lynnet, whom I also take to be called Walter Coventry, and came thence, who as I have been enformed by some skilfull Heralds, was a Knight, and by all conjecture had the Government here untill Richard Clark came to be Maior, which was about 34. or 35. of Henry the third; and I take him the said Walter to be the first that carried the name of Maior. What name they called the chief Governour by, in the time of the Earls, I cannot certainly learn, but I take it, that the Constable of Chester, who was ever a great man, had the whole Government of the City under the Earls, and had Bayliffs under him."

William Aldersey, who was born 25 December, 1543, and baptized at St. Oswald's Chester, died 26 October, 1616, in the 73rd year of his age. His will, dated 22 October, 1616, was proved at Chester 6 November, 1616, but a recent search made by Mr. Earwaker disclosed the fact that the Will, though stated in the Index of Wills at the Probate Court, Chester, to be preserved there, is now unfortunately missing, and that the Inventory of his goods, dated 12 November and exhibited 24 December, 1616, is the only document now preserved there. The Will is, however, recited in his inquisition post mortem

[&]quot; "Cheshire Sheaf," New Series, i. 123.

taken 25 April 1617, from which inquisition it appears that he died seised of several houses, lands and rents in the city of Chester, and in Eccleston, Eaton, Moston, Upton, Hoole, Gayton, Thingewall and Picton, co. Chester, and in Denbigh, co. Denbigh, as well as the reversion of a capital messuage called Oldfield in Hasilwall and lands there expectant on the death of Lady Jane Stanley, late the wife of Sir Rowland Stanley, Kt., and then the wife of Henry Stanley, Esq. His son and heir apparent, Richard Aldersey, having died a few months before him, his granddaughters, Mary and Elizabeth, were his co-heirs: the former married Thomas Trafford, Esquire, of Bridge Trafford, and the latter the Rev. William Mostyn, Rector of Christleton and afterwards Archdeacon of Bangor.

From the incidental notices that occur above it will be seen that numerous purchases have from time to time been made of lands in Aldersey by the Aldersey owners of Aldersey and Spurstow, and by this means most, if not all, of those portions of the vill or township of Aldersey, which in early times had been alienated by subinfeudation or otherwise, have by degrees come back into the hands of the family, until at the present time Mr. Aldersey, the direct lineal representative of the ancient lords of the manor, owns nearly the whole of the township of Aldersey. The most important purchases were those made in the year 1662 of a moiety of the manor and four farms in Great Aldersey and Crook Aldersey from Peter Dutton of Hatton, the representative of the Hattons, and that made in 1736 of Aldersey Hall and 34 acres of land in Middle Aldersey and a house and 2 acres in Great Aldersey from Caldecot Aldersey and his daughter, the descendants of Robert Aldersey the younger son of Adam

¹ Chester Inq. 15 Jac. I., No. 136.

Aldersey of Aldersey. But other purchases were also made from time to time, as in 1311 of lands in Great Aldersey from Ralph de Hanley; in 1619 of a close called the Gorsty Croft and a meadow called Little Pottsmoor from Hugh Calveley of Aldersey; in 1638 of the Meadow field and the Crofts in Middle Aldersey (adjoining Aldersey Hall) from Robert Aldersey of Middle Aldersey and his mortgagees; in 1674 of a farm at Great Aldersey, which had formerly belonged to George Calveley of Hanley, from William Moulton of Faddeley; in 1702 of a farm in Aldersey from Thomas Yate and John Horton; in 1706 of the Meadowfield and the Crofts (which had in the meantime been resold) and also of a close in Great Aldersey called Higher Hey, or Hutchins' Hey, from John Mottershed; in 1790 of a farm in Crook Aldersey from the Messrs. Edwards; in 1802 of a farm at [Great] Aldersey, which had formerly belonged to the Massies of Coddington, from the representatives of John Golbourne and his mortgagees the Misses Day-Jackson; in 1828 of the Aldersey Manor Farm in Middle Aldersey from the surviving trustee of Peter Legh, Esq., of Lyme, and in 1880 and 1892 of other lands in Great Aldersey from Mr. John Larden Bromfield.

It is of course impossible to trace the title to all the lands in Aldersey back to the time when they were all in the hands of the lord, or lords, of the manor, but a certain amount of information about early tenures in Aldersey is to be derived from inquisitions post mortem, and the Chester Plea and Recognisance Rolls, and (with the exception of the important Plea Roll of I

¹ 25th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 3.

² 26th and 27th Reports, App. No. 4; 28th and 29th Reports, App. No. 6; 30th Report, App. No. 4.

³ 36th and 37th Reports, App. II., No. 1.

and 2 Ed. II. now about to be referred to in some detail) most of this information is collected in Helsby's Edition of Ormerod's Cheshire, partly under the heading of Aldersey, and partly under other headings.¹

In the Plea Roll of 1 and 2 Edward II. (1307-8) are to be found reports of three suits concerning land at Aldersey. The first is that already referred to (ante, pp. 5, 6), where Robert, son of Adam de Aldreseye, claims that he had been unjustly disseised by Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, of reasonable estovers, i.e., the right of cutting wood for fuel, repairs, etc., in twelve acres of wood in Great Aldreseye, which right he claimed as appurtenant to a free tenement in the same vill granted to him more than ten years previously by his father Adam, who was lord of the whole moiety of the vill of Aldreseye. Hugh de Hatton defended the action, and the nature of his defence is, that he was himself at the time of the grant by Adam to Robert lord of a moiety of the vill of Aldreseye, as tenant in common with Adam, and that since the date of the grant a partition had been made of the wood between Adam de Aldreseye and himself, by virtue of which he was then sole tenant of the twelve acres in question.² The result of this action does not appear, but from what took place in one of the other suits it is probable that Hugh de Hatton made good his defence.

In the second suit Robert, son of Adam de Aldreseye, is again the plaintiff, the defendants this time being William, son of Adam de Meeles, Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife, and Richard Harym, and the claim is precisely similar to that in the first suit, except that the place in which the estovers are claimed is now four-

¹ Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 737-8, 791-2, etc.

² Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. II., m. 13.

teen acres of wood in Great Aldreseye. Richard Harym was only a termor, but William de Meeles defended as owner of seven acres, and Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife as owners of the other seven acres. They set up a similar defence to that set up by Hugh de Hatton in the first suit, claiming to have been tenants in common with Adam de Aldreseye and Hugh de Hatton at the time of the grant, and to have since become owners of seven acres each by virtue of the partition. The jurors find that at the time of the grant to Robert, Adam de Aldreseye, Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, William, son of Adam de Meeles, and Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife were tenants in common of the wood, Adam de Aldreseye being entitled to the whole of one moiety, and the other three each to a third part of the other moiety;1 that afterwards, about fourteen years ago, a partition was made of the wood between the parties, under which seven of the acres in question were allotted to William de Meeles, and the other seven to Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife in severalty; that Adam de Aldreseye being lord of a moiety only of the whole vill, had no power to throw any burden on the shares of his coparceners; consequently, Robert de Aldreseye's claim failed.2

In the third suit Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, was plaintiff, and he complained that Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife, William, son of Adam de Meeles, Ralph, son of Adam de Aldreseye, Thomas le Brid, Richard Harym, Hugh, son of Henry Ketil, and William Wrekesheme, had

The word 'tercie' is written over the line, the word 'quarte' being struck out in all three places. It is tolerably clear that this correction is itself inaccurate, Hugh de Hatton's share being really one-half, while that of each of the others was one quarter.

² Chester Plea Roll, I and 2 Ed. II., m. 21 dorso.

unjustly disseised him of a sixteenth part of fifty-five acres of wood. Harym, Ketil, and Wrekesheme disclaimed all interest, but the others defended: Hugh de Hatton as owner of fourteen acres, Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife as owners of seven acres, and William de Meeles as owner of seven acres, raised the same defence as in the last action, while Ralph, son of Adam de Aldreseye and Thomas le Brid denied that they had made any disseisin. The jurors find that Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, Ralph del Heth and Margaret, one Adam de Meeles, the father of William, Ralph, son of Adam de Aldreseye, Thomas le Brid, and Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, had formerly held the wood as tenants in common, and afterwards had agreed to a partition; that accordingly one moiety was appropriated to Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, Ralph del Heth and Margaret, and Adam de Meeles, each in proportion to his share, and the other moiety to Ralph, son of Adam de Aldreseye, Thomas le Brid, and Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, each in proportion to his share; that Adam de Meeles took possession of the seven acres allotted to him, and died seised thereof, whereupon William his son and heir entered upon them. Being asked whether Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, as well as the others agreed to the partition, they reply that he did, but that he was not present at the time of the partition being made, except in so far as he was represented by a certain tenant of his, to whom he had demised a moiety of his tenements. Being asked further whether Ralph had derived any profit from the portion allotted to him by the sale of wood, etc., they reply that he had. And on this finding judgment was given against the plaintiff.1

From what appears in these three suits it may be in-

¹ Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. II., m. 27.

ferred that in or before the reign of Edward I. Adam de Aldersey and Hugh de Hatton were tenants in common of the vill of Aldersey, in which there was a wood of 55 acres, that each of them made subinfeudations of proportionate parts of his moiety, Adam de Aldersey to Thomas le Brid and to Hugh de Hanley or his son Ralph, the latter of whom held one-sixteenth of the whole vill, and Hugh de Hatton to Adam de Meeles and to Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife, each of whom held an eighth part of the whole vill, whilst Hugh de Hatton retained one quarter himself. About the year 1293 or 1294, or fourteen years before the date of these suits, a partition of the wood was made between the then tenants in common of the vill, Hugh de Hatton getting 14 acres, Adam de Meeles 7 acres, and Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife 7 acres, whilst the remaining 27 acres were divided between Ralph, son of Adam de Aldersey, Thomas le Brid, and Ralph son of Hugh de Hanley. A few years after the termination of these suits, viz. circa 1311, Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanley, made a grant to Ralph, son of Adam de Aldersey, of all the land which he had in Great Aldersey, reserving a yearly rent of 6s. 8d.1

Besides the subinfeudations above mentioned, we know from the Family Evidences, etc., that Adam de Aldersey made other subinfeudations, not of fractional parts of the villor manor, but of specific tenements, to his two brothers William² and Ralph,³ and to his son Robert,⁴ and we find

¹ Fam. Ev. No. 5. ² Ante, p. 4. ³ Ante, p. 5. ⁴ Ante, p. 5. I suppose the tenement granted to Robert to be identical

⁴ Ante, p. 5. I suppose the tenement granted to Robert to be identical with the tenement in Great Aldersey held by his descendants the Alderseys of Middle Aldersey. Aldersey Hall and the other lands held by them in Middle Aldersey seem to have been a subinfeudation by the Hattons, to whose representatives a chief rent, reputed to be 4d. per ann., was still payable in 1662 (see ante, p. 22, and post, pp. 50, 51).

elsewhere traces of subinfeudations of either the same or else other land comprised in the Aldersey moiety. Thus, it appears by an Inquisition of Roger Massie of Coddington, in 2 Edward VI. (1548) that he held lands in Aldersey of John Aldersey of Spurstow by fealty and 8d. rent, of the annual value of 10s.1 Again, by an Inquisition of Hugh Calveley of Lea, taken 5 Aug. 5 James I. (1607), it appears that he held the reversion of a messuage and 20 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Aldersey, also a messuage and 100 acres of land, meadow, and pasture in Aldersey, also one acre of land called two cuttings in Aldersey, of the heirs or assigns of Hugh de Aldersey in free socage, of the annual value of 3s. 9d.2 In the account book of Thomas Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow, amongst the Family Evidences, there are entries of receipts in the years 1675 to 1710 of 8d. chief rent from Massie of Coddington and of 5d. chief rent from Oliver Walker. In the account book of Robert Aldersey there are entries of receipts between the years 1718 and 1723 of 4d. chief rent from Mr. Walker, and between 1724 and 1729 of 8d. chief rent from Mr. Massie.3 In the Aldersey rental for 1761 are entries of the following chief rents, viz.: Mr. Massie of Coddington 8d., and Job Harrison 7d.4 Of these chief rents the former no doubt continued to be paid by the Massies and their successors till the purchase by Robert Aldersey in 1802 from the representatives of John Golbourne and their mortgagees, the Misses Day-Jackson, of 33 acres, 2 roods, and 9 perches, in Aldersey, which in the year

¹ Chester Inq. per B. de mand., 2 Ed. VI. No. 4; Aldersey MS. copies of Chester Inquisitions, Part II., p. 41.

² Chester Inq. per B. de mand., 5 Jac. I., No. 1; Aldersey MS. copies of Chester Inquisitions, Part II., p. 138.

⁸ Fam. Ev.

⁴ Fam. Ev.

1757 had been demised by Richard Massie of Coddington to John Golbourne of Huxley for three lives, and of which the reversion in fee simple had been conveyed to a trustee for him by Thomas Massie of Coddington in 1796: 1 the latter probably came to an end on the purchase by Samuel Aldersey in 1828 from the trustees of Peter Legh of Lyme, who had inherited the property in Aldersey of the Calveleys of Lea, of the Manor Farm, comprising 42 acres, 1 rood, 24 perches, which had been let on lease for lives to Job Harrison, and may possibly have been previously leased to Oliver Walker.²

The other moiety of the manor of Aldersey we find in the possession of the Hattons as early as the reign of Edward I. The Hugh de Hatton, whose inquisition post mortem has already been referred to,3 was the son of Sir Simon de Hatton, Knight of St. John of Jerusalem: he married (1st) Margaret, daughter of Sir John de Arderne, Kt., and (2ndly) Christian, who survived him and subsequently married Robert de Huntingdon. left two sons, viz., (1) John, his son and heir, aged 11 in 12 Edward I. (1284), and (2) Hugh, who in the Hatton Pedigrees given in Ormerod's Cheshire 4 is called "of Great Aldersey 14 Ed. 2" (1320-1), and who was doubtless the same Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, who had a suit with Robert de Aldersey a few years previously, as already mentioned.⁵ John, the eldest son of Hugh, married Matilda, daughter of John de Frodsham, and died about 6 Edward II. (1312-3), having in 35 Edward I. (1307) suffered a recovery of (inter alia) lands in Aldreseye in favour of his son-in-law, Ralph de Vernon.⁶ In

¹ Fam. Ev., No. 146. ² Fam. Ev., Nos. 136 and 137.

³ Ante, p. 7.

^{&#}x27;Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., i. 744; ii. 795.

1 Edward II. (1307-8) Sir Ralph de Vernon, Kt., made a settlement of (inter alia) lands in Magna Aldreseye, Middelaldreseye, and Krocaldresay upon Peter, son of Matilda de Hatton, in tail with successive remainders in tail to Robert and William, Peter's brothers, and an ultimate reversion to himself in fee, the holder for the time being of the lands granted to render yearly to John de Hatton and Matilda his wife £ 10 for their support. John de Hatton died circ. 6 Edward II. (1312-13), when his widow, Matilda, sued Peter de Hatton for dower of (inter alia) a fourth part and two parts of a fourth part of the manor of Aldreseie 2 (the remaining third of the last-mentioned fourth part being no doubt then still held in dower by Christian de Huntingdon, widow of Hugh de Hatton³). Peter de Hatton and his brothers Robert and William probably all died without issue, for in 5 Edward III. (1331) we find Anabill, the widow of Robert de Vernon (the son of Ralph) suing Richard Mossok, chaplain, who vouches Ralph Vernon (son of Robert), for dower of (inter alia) an eighth part of Great Aldreseye, Middle Aldreseye, and Crucke Aldreseye.4 Ralph Vernon of Hatton died 28 January, 1388-9,5 leaving four daughters his co-heirs, of whom Katherine, then aged 17, married Hamo de Massey, of Podington; Petronilla, then aged 6, married Hugh Dutton, second son of Edward Dutton, a younger son of Sir Thomas

¹ Chester Plea Roll, 1 & 2 Ed II., m. 15 (27th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 4, p. 95).

² Chester Plea Roll, 6 & 7 Ed. II., m. 15 (27th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 4, p. 104).

³ Chester Plea Roll, 10 Ed. I., m. 2 (26th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 4, p. 38).

⁴ Chester Plea Roll, 4 & 5 Ed. III., m. 12, and 5 & 6 Ed. III. mm. 1 dorso, 5 dorso (29th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 8, p. 24).

⁵ Chester Inq. p.m., 12 Ric. II., No. 7.

Dutton, of Dutton, Kt.; Elizabeth (or Eleanor), then aged 5, married John de Malpas; and Isabel, then aged 2 months, married a de Bracebridge and died without leaving issue. The interest in Aldersey seems to have been divided amongst the coheirs, for we find by an inquisition taken in 1420, that David, son of John del Malpas, held two messuages in Great and Middle Aldersey of John de Sutton by knight's service, value 20s. per annum, and in 20 Henry VI. (1441-2), Hamo de Massey, of Podington, by charter enrolled, quitclaimed to John, son of Hugh de Dutton, of Hatton, all his right in (inter alia) lands in Aldersey, late of Ralph de Vernon.² However, Petronilla succeeded eventually to nearly all her father's Hatton estates, and thus brought the Hatton share of Aldersey into the family of the Duttons, a younger branch of the Duttons of Dutton. In the earlier inquisitions post mortem of the Duttons of Hatton the Aldersey interest is generally referred to as "lands in Aldersey" or "lands in Mickle Aldersey, Middle Aldersey, and Croke Aldersey," etc., until the inquisition post mortem of Ralph Dutton in 24 Elizabeth (1582), when for the first time apparently it is described as "the manors of Great Middle and Crooke Aldersey." Thus, in the inquisition post mortem of Hugh de Dutton of Hatton in 18 Henry VI. (1439-40) the jurors find that he held (inter alia) lands in the township of Aldersey. In the inquisition post mortem of Peter Dutton in 18 & 19 Henry VII. (1503) it is found that he held two messuages, twenty acres of land, and six acres of meadow in

² Chester Recog. Rolls, 20 & 21 Hen. VI., m. 2d (1) (37th Report of Deputy Keeper of Public Records, App. II., No. 1, p. 522).

¹ Chester Inq. p.m., 8 Hen. V., No. 15; cf. Inq. p.m., 11 Hen. VI., No. 9, and Chester Recog. Roll, 8 & 9 Hen. V., m. 2 (1) (37th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. II., No. 1, p. 505).

Mikel Aldersey of Edward Sutton, Kt., [sc. of the Barony of Malpas] in socage, yearly value 30s., and a messuage, twenty acres of land, and three acres of meadow in Croke Aldersey, held of Edward Sutton, Kt., in socage, yearly value 20s. In the inquisition post mortem of Sir Peter Dutton, of Dutton and Hatton, Kt., in 37 Henry VIII. (1545-6), he is found to have held (inter alia) lands in Mykle Aldersey, Middel Aldersey, and Croke Ald'sey.² But in the inquisition taken on the death of Ralph Dutton, of Hatton, in 24 Elizabeth (1582) it is found that he held (inter alia) the manors of Great Aldersey, Middle Aldersey, and Crooke Aldersey from William Brereton, Esq., as of his manor of Malpas,3 and similar language is used in the inquisitions post mortem of Rowland Dutton, of Hatton, taken 25 January, 3 James I. (1605-6),4 and of Edward Dutton, of Hatton, in 19 James I. (1621).⁵ In the inquisition taken on the death of Peter Dutton, in 14 Charles I. (1638), it is described as a moiety of the manor of Magna, Middle and Crooke Aldersey, held of William, Lord Brereton, as of his manor of Malpas.⁶ In the year 1662 Peter Dutton, of Hatton, sold all his interest in Aldersey to Thomas Aldersey, of Aldersey and Spurstow, Escheator of Cheshire, the lineal descendant of Adam de Aldersey, and the then representative of the Aldersey family, under the description of four messuages and lands held therewith in Aldersey, a moiety of the manor or lordship of Aldersey, and a chief rent or yearly payment reputed to be 4d.

¹ Chester Recog. Rolls, 18 & 19 Hen. VII., m., 2d. (1) (37th Report of Deputy Keeper of Public Records, App. II., No. 1, pp. 244-245).

² Chester Inq. p.m., 37 Hen. VIII., No. 2.

³ Chester Inq. p.m., 24 Eliz., No. 4.

^{&#}x27; Chester Inq. p.m., 3 Jac. I., No. 6.

⁵ Chester Inq. p.m., 19 Jac. I., No. 2.

⁵ Chester Inq. p.m., 14 Car. I., No. 5.

issuing out of the capital messuage and lands thereto belonging in Middle Aldersey, called the Hall of Aldersey, from which it would appear that Aldersey Hall and the lands in Middle Aldersey, then held by a younger branch of the Aldersey family, descended from Robert, son of Adam de Aldersey, was originally a subinfeudation by the Hattons.

Besides the interest which descended from the Hattons to the Duttons through the Vernons, the above-mentioned purchase by Thomas Aldersey from Peter Dutton would include also the lands in Aldersey which came to the Duttons through Elizabeth Grosvenor, one of the daughters and coheirs of Robert Grosvenor, and the wife of the Peter Dutton, of Hatton, who died in 1503, and whose inquisition post mortem has been already referred to.2 These lands were in the time of Edward I. in the possession of the Pulfords. In 16 and 17 Edward I. (1288 and 1289), Matilda, widow of Hugh de Pulford, sued Robert, the Parson of Codington, for dower of two messuages, two bovates of land, and six acres of meadow in Alderseye, near Codington, and Robert vouched Robert, son of Hugh de Pulford [sc. his son and heir by his first wife, Matilda being his second wife], in the custody of Richard de Stokeport by grant from the King, such lands being partly in the custody of Richard de Stokeport and partly in the several custodies of Roger de Montalt, Peter de Arderne, Rotheric, son of Griffin and Beatrice his wife, and Randal de Thornton;3 and in the same year she also sued Randal de Thornton, one of the guardians of Robert, son and heir of Hugh de Pulford, for dower of one carucate of land and a moiety

¹ Fam. Ev., Nos. 235, 236. ² Ante, pp. 49, 50.

³ Chester Plea Roll, 16 and 17 Ed. I., m. 4 dorso, m. 6 dorso, m. 9 (26th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 4, pp. 39, 41).

of a messuage in Aldersey near Codington. By 40 Edward III. (1366) the Pulfords had passed their lands in Aldersey to the Belgreves, from whom they were recovered in 12 Richard II. (1388-9) by Joan de Pulford and her second husband, Sir Robert Grosvenor, of Holme, and in 1412 Robert Leigh, of Adlington, who was one of the coheirs of the Belgreves, formally relinquished his claim to these lands.² By an inquisition post mortem, taken in 8 Henry VI. (1429-30), it was found that Thomas le Grosvenor held two messuages and ten acres of land in Aldersey of John de Sutton, Kt., in socage, yearly value five marks,3 and by another, taken in 4 Edward IV. (1464), that Robert Grosvenor held two messuages and ten acres of land in Aldersey of John Sutton, Kt. in socage, yearly value 5s.4 From the Grosvenors of Holme the Pulford interest in Aldersey passed to the Duttons of Hatton by the marriage of Peter Dutton with Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Robert Grosvenor, and (as stated above) it was doubtless afterwards included with the Hatton share in the sale by their descendant Peter Dutton, of Hatton, to Thomas Aldersey in 1662.

In addition to the lands above-mentioned there must have been an early subinfeudation of an an eighth part of Great Aldersey, probably by the Hattons, which is described in a fine of 21 Edward III. (1347), levied by Robert Candelan, and Margaret his wife, in favour of

¹ Chester Plea Roll, 16 and 17 Ed. I., m. 6. (26th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 4, p. 40).

² Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 856; iii. 148.

³ Chester Recog. Rolls, 8 and 9, Henry VI., m. 3d. (1) (37th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. No. 1, p. 324), and Chester Inq. p.m. 8 Henry VI., No. 43.

⁴ Chester Recog. Rolls, 4 and 5 Ed. IV., m. 4d. (1). (Ib. pp. 238-239), and Chester Inq. p.m., 4 Ed. IV., No. 1.

Richard, son of Richard de Fouleshurst, junior, as two messuages, forty acres of land, and ten acres of meadow in Great Aldersey. In the inquisition post mortem of Richard de Fouleshurst, in 23 Edward III. (1349), this interest is called a carucate of land beld of the Baron of Malpas, val. 40s.: 1 in the inquisition post mortem of Robert de Fouleshurst, in 15 Richard II. (1391-2), it is given as the eighth part of the vill of Magna Aldersey held of the lord of Hatton in socage, value 20s.;2 while in the inquisition post mortem of William Fouleshurst, in 18 Henry VI. (1439-40), it is described as two messuages, one toft, sixteen acres of land, and two acres of pasture in Magna Aldersey beld of John de Sutton, Baron of Malpas.3 This interest, thus variously described, may be traced in the inquisitions of the Fouleshursts, of Elaston, down to at least 16 Henry VIII. (1524-5).4

Again, another fourth part of Great Aldersey appears to have been vested in the Mainwaring family. In the inquisition post mortem of George Mainwaring, in 5 Henry VIII. (1513-4), it is described as a fourth part of the vill of Aldersey, held of George, Earl of Shrewsbury, as of his manor of Blakemere, in socage and 11s. rent.⁵ See also the inquisition post mortem of William Mainwaring in 32 Henry VI. (1453-4.)

What ultimately became of the Fouleshurst and Mainwaring interests in Aldersey I cannot say, but I think it probable that the latter at any rate passed with nearly the entire manor of Stretton and other lands held by the

¹ Chester Inq. p.m., 23 Ed. III., No. 32.

² Chester Inq. p.m., 15 Ric. II., No. 8.

³ Chester Inq. p.m., 18 Henry VI., No. 5.

⁴ See Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 738; iii. 383-385; Chester Recog. Roll, 13 and 14 Hen. VI., m. 8 (27th Report of Dep. Keeper of Public Records, App. II., No. 1, p. 289).

⁵ Chester Inq. p.m., 5 Henry VIII., No. 5.

Mainwaring family by purchase in 38 Henry VIII. (1546) to the Leches of Carden.¹

Before leaving the subject of the early tenures in Aldersey it should be mentioned that in the Hatton pedigree given in Ormerod's Cheshire² it is stated that Hugh de Hatton, younger son of Sir Hugh de Hatton, Kt., who, as mentioned above, is described as of Great Aldersey 14 Ed. III. (1320-1), married Margaret, daughter and heir of Geoffrey Bryn, and had a son, John de Hatton, of Great Aldersey 16 and 30 Ed. III. (1342 and 1356), who married Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir John de Hallom, Kt., by whom he had a son, Adam de Hatton, of Great Aldersey, living 20 Edward III. (1346), who married Katherine, daughter and coheir of Sir William Hellesby, Kt., of Quisty Birches, and by her had two sons, Robert de Hatton, of Quisty Birches, and Richard de Hatton, of Great Aldersey, whose daughter and heir, Katherine, married Roger del Bothe, of Barton, co. Lancs. The sources from which this pedigree is derived are given at the head of the pedigree, but I am not aware what is the authority for these statements about Aldersey, nor do I know the nature of the interest which this branch of the Hatton family had in Aldersey, or what ultimately became of it. If this Hugh, younger son of Sir Hugh de Hatton, Kt., be, as appears probable, the same person as the Hugh, son of Hugh de Hatton, mentioned in the Plea Roll of 1 and 2 Ed. II. (1308), the share of Aldersey may have been settled upon him by his father or his brother in his lifetime, but the whole subject of the Hatton interest in Aldersey is involved in obscurity.

¹ Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., ii. 710.

² Ormerod's Cheshire, 2nd Ed., i. 744.

³ Ante, p. 47.

Little remains to be added about the manor of Aldersey. From the earliest times, as we have seen, it included three separate divisions known respectively as Great Aldersey, Middle Aldersey, and Crook Aldersey. The names of Great Aldersey and Crook Aldersey are still current, but the distinctive name of Middle Aldersey has now become obsolete. With the exception of some 63 acres, now belonging to the Leches of Carden, the whole of the lands lying within all these divisions are now the property of Mr. Aldersey, the lord of the manor. Since the death of Mr. Samuel Aldersey in 1855 no Court has been held for the manor.

Such, in brief, is the history of the family of Aldersey, of Aldersey. It is a remarkable instance of a family of comparatively small landowners, in which part at least of the old family estates have passed in the direct male line from father to son through eighteen generations, extending over a period of more than six centuries, and in whose possession there still exists a series of deeds covering, more or less, the whole of that period. In the Appendix will be found translations or abstracts of these family evidences, which, it is hoped, will be of some use to those interested in the family and place by rendering their contents more accessible.

The name "Crook Aldersey," which in one of the earliest deeds among the family evidences (No. 1) appears as "Le Crokedelond," is probably derived from an abrupt bend in the road which used to pass through it. This road was straightened in the early part of the present century by Mr. Samuel Aldersey, the then owner.

APPENDIX

OF

FAMILY EVIDENCES

BEING

TRANSLATIONS AND ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS

RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF

ALDERSEY OF ALDERSEY AND SPURSTOWE

с. 1280 то с. 1850

IN THE POSSESSION OF

HUGH ALDERSEY, ESQ.

MADE BY

J. P. EARWAKER, M.A., F.S.A.

1894

WITH ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS MADE BY
C. G. O. BRIDGEMAN, M.A., BARRISTER

1897-8



TRANSLATIONS AND ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS.

1. (c. 1280.) Feoffment by Adam, son of Hugh de Aldersey, to Ralph his brother of two messuages, &c. in Aldersey.

(Latin.)

ET all present and future who shall see or hear this present writing know that I, Adam son of Hugh de Aldreseya, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Ralph my brother, for his homage and service, two messuages in Aldreseya, one whereof Wronov formerly held, and the other in which the said Ralph dwells (sedet), with two lands extending from the said house, and one land which is called Le Merstalland with the meadow in the end $(c\bar{u} \ \dot{p}to \ \bar{i} \ fine)$, and two lands in the long clearing, near the clearing of Roger Harym, and the chief land in Longedales with two parts of the meadow in the end, and the moiety of the meadow that Thomas Terys cleared (assartauit) in the end of Rowmedue, and two lands in Holegreue, and half a land with the meadows in the end, and Le Crokedelond with the meadow in the end, and three half lands (tres dimit landas) at Wrymstallegreue, with the meadows in the end, and a certain half land at Le Hese with the meadows in the end, and two lands and

a half in the long clearing which Cecily mother of the said Ralph held in dower of her own part (tenuit in dot' de pte sua), and one land in Longedales with the meadow in the end, and one land in Holegreue near my land on the one part, and the land of Richard son of Malle on the other part, with the meadow, and one acre of meadow in Smethemor, and one butt of land (vnū but) in Banecroft, and two lands and a half in Barton, that is to say, in Le Stoclondes, and two half lands near Roycleg To have and to hold of me and my heirs or assigns to him and his heirs or assigns, freely, quietly, well, and in peace, with all the appurtenances, liberties, and easements to the said lands belonging, in wood, in plain, in meadows, in feedings, in pastures, in moors, in marshes, in ways, in waters, in paths, and in all places within the boundaries of Aldresey, and with "husbold" and "heybold" in the grove (nemore) of Aldresey, and with acquittance of pannage in the wood (boscho) of Aldresey, and with sale of wood both dead and green with one waggon if the lord has sold it (& cū vendicoe lignoq mortuoq & viridū cū vna caretta si dns ea vendidit). Yielding thence yearly to me and my heirs or assigns from the said Ralph and his heirs or assigns one pair of white gloves at the feast of St. John the Baptist for all services and exactions whatsoever to me and my heirs or assigns belonging.

I grant to the the said Ralph that neither he nor his heirs or assigns shall answer me, my heirs, or assigns, for any action (calūpnia) in my court.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Robert de Huxlegh, William de Brexun, Hugh de Hatton, Hugh de Bikerton, William de Huxlegh, Hugh de Henlegh, and many others.

[Not dated. Seal gone.]

2. (c. 1280.) Feoffment by ADAM DE ALDERSEY to RALPH his son, of all his tenements in Aldersey and Barton.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I, Adam de Aldirsey, now being in lawful power, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed, and for ever quitclaimed to Ralph my son, all my tenements with all my service, right, and claim, within the boundaries of Aldirsey and Barton, with all the appurtenances, except that tenement with the messuages, meadows, and other the appurtenances, which, I formerly gave to Robert my son in Aldirsey. To have and to hold of the chief lords of those fees, to the said Ralph his heirs or assigns, freely, quietly, well, and in peace, with all the appurtenances, commons, and easements, yielding to the chief lords the services of right due.

These being witnesses, William de Beyu [? Brexun], Richard de Bonebur, Richard de Caurdn, David de Barton, Ralph del Heet, William son of Hugh de Aldirsey, Ralph his brother, Robert the clerk, and others.

[Not dated. Seal gone.]

3. An 18th century (23 Feb., 1720) extract from a Plea Roll, 1307-8, of pleas in a suit between Hugh son of Hugh de Hatton and Kenewrick le Belew, and Robert son of Adam de Aldersey, concerning a free tenement in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) County of Chester. Tuesday next after the feast of St. Chad [March 2] 1 Edward I. [qu. II. (1307-8)]. Plea that Hugh son of Hugh de Hatton and Kenewric le Belew has unjustly disseised Robert son of Adam de Al-

dreseye of his free tenement in Great Aldreseye, and that they disseised him of taking estovers in 12 acres of wood, viz., hosbot and heybot for burning and building and enclosing at all times of the year with view of forestry to his capital messuage in the same vill, &c.

And the aforesaid Hugh and Kenewric in their proper persons come, and the said Kenewric says that he himself has no claim in the aforesaid tenement. [Hugh de Hatton first puts in a technical defence.] And the aforesaid Robert says that one Adam de Aldresey, lord of the whole moiety of the vill of Aldreseye, gave, granted, and by his charter confirmed to the said Robert, his heirs and assigns, the aforesaid messuage and a certain part of his land in Aldreseye, with "husebold" and "haybold," and fuel of green wood and old for himself and his men dwelling on the same land and with common of pasture in all places within the boundaries [divisas] of Aldersey, and says that he himself has been seised of the right of taking estovers in the said wood peacefully for 10 years and more after the feoffment aforesaid.

And the aforesaid Hugh says that he himself is lord of the moiety of the vill of Aldresey in lands arable and in waste, and was at the time of the making of the aforesaid charter, and that he then held all the wood in the vill of Aldresey in common and in undivided shares (pro indiviso) with the aforesaid Adam, one moiety belonging to the one and another moiety to the other. And he says that long before the procuring of this writ the said Adam and Hugh made a partition of the said wood, so that the said Hugh was seised of the said wood, whence the view was made, separately (in separali), &c., &c.

And the aforesaid Robert does not deny that (no' dedicit q'n) the aforesaid Hugh is lord of a moiety of the afore-

said vill, and that the wood was partitioned as the said Hugh asserts, but says that he himself has been seised of the aforesaid right of estovers in the aforesaid wood for ten years and more, &c.

Note.—The result of this suit does not appear from this extract amongst the Aldersey evidences, but further light is thrown upon the early tenures in Aldersey by two other extracts from the same Plea Roll, which may conveniently be added here:—

Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed II., m. 21, dorso. (1307-8.)

An assize comes to make recognition whether William son of Adam de Meeles, Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife, and Richard Harm have unjustly &c. disseised Robert son of Adam de Aldreseye of his free tenement in Great Aldreseye after that &c. And whence he complains that they have disseised him of reasonable estovers to be taken in 14 acres of wood with the appurtenances for burning, building, and enclosing without view of forestry to his messuage in the same vill, &c.

And the aforesaid William, Ralph and Margaret, and Richard Harm come in person. And the aforesaid Richard says that he holds nothing in the aforesaid [tenements], and does not claim to hold anything except for a term only in 7 acres of the lease of the aforesaid William [de Meeles], and that he has done no injury or disseisin to him of them, and he puts himself on the assize, &c. And the aforesaid William son of Adam [de Meeles] as tenant of 7 acres, and Ralph and Margaret as tenant of 7 acres, say that that writ has been ordained by statute in special case, except where any one should have estovers as appurtenant to his free tenement by prescription of time or by special deed. And he asks

¹ "Estovers" was the right of cutting wood for fuel and repairs, &c.

² This is a technical plea.

for judgment, whether an assize ought to proceed thence unless he shews by what title he claims the estovers aforesaid, &c.

And the aforesaid Robert [son of Adam de Aldreseye] says that a certain Adam de Aldreseye, lord of the vill of Aldreseye, gave granted and confirmed by his charter to the said Robert and his heirs and assigns the aforesaid messuage, to which he claims, &c., and a certain part of his land in Aldreseye with the appurtenances, together with husebold and haybold and fuel of green wood for himself and his men dwelling on the aforesaid land, and together with common of pasture in all places within the boundaries of Aldreseye, and he produces a certain charter which witnesses this, &c. And he says that he himself has been seised of the aforesaid estovers to be taken in the aforesaid wood for ten years (and more) peaceably since the aforesaid feoffment until &c. And he asks that inquiry be made by the assize.

And the aforesaid William [de Meeles] and Ralph and Margaret [del Heth] say that they are themselves co-owners of the lordship of the vill of Aldreseye in arable land and waste, and were at the time of the making of the aforesaid charter, and that they then held the whole wood of the vill of Aldreseye in common as undivided with the aforesaid Adam [de Aldreseye] and Hugh son of Hugh de Hatton, each one for the portion belonging to him as undivided. And they say that long before the issue of that writ the same Adam [de Aldreseye], Hugh [de Hatton], William [de Meeles], Ralph and Margery [del Heth] made a partition of the aforesaid wood, so that the same William [de Meeles]

[&]quot;Husebold" or "housebote" was a sufficient allowance of wood to repair, or of wood or gorse to burn in the house. "Haybold" or "hedge bote" was wood for repairing hedges ("hayes") or fences.

was seised of the aforesaid wood of which the view was made, viz. of seven acres separately as of his own purparty, And the said Ralph and Margaret [del Heth] were seised of the aforesaid wood of which the view &c., viz. of seven acres separately as of their own purparty separate from the purparty of the aforesaid And since those estovers belong to the same Robert by reason of the lordship of the aforesaid Adam, their coparcener, and not by reason of the lordship belonging to the purparty of them the said William [de Meeles], Ralph and Margery [del Heth], they ask for judgment, whether the said Robert by the deed of the said Adam, an utter stranger to them, could claim any estovers in their separate woods in this part &c. And the aforesaid Robert [de Aldreseye] says that the aforesaid Adam de Aldreseye, who enfeoffed him of the aforesaid estovers to be taken, was sole lord of the whole vill of Great Aldreseye at the time of the making of his feoffment, by whose feoffment the said Robert [de Aldreseye] was seised of the aforesaid estovers to be taken until the aforesaid William [de Meeles] and others disseised him of them unjustly and without process of law. And he asks that this be inquired into by the assize. And the aforesaid William [de Meeles], Ralph and Margery [del Heth] in like manner. Therefore let the assize be taken &c.

The jurors, chosen by the consent of the parties, say that Adam de Aldreseye, Hugh son of Hugh de Hatton, William son of Adam de Meeles, and Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife at one time held the whole wood at the vill of Aldreseye in common as undivided, whence the said Adam [de Aldreseye] was lord of a

¹ The words in the original Plea Roll are as follows: Unde deus

whole moiety and Hugh [de Hatton] of a third part of a moiety, William son of Adam [de Meeles] of a third part, and Ralph and Margaret [del Heth] of a third part. Which Adam then enfeoffed the aforesaid Robert [de Aldreseye] of reasonable estovers to be taken in the aforesaid wood, by whose feoffment the said Robert was seised of the aforesaid estovers to be taken in the wood aforesaid. And afterwards the aforesaid Adam [de Aldreseye], Hugh [de Hatton], William [de Meeles], Ralph and Margaret [del Heth] wishing to make appropriations for themselves out of that wood, by their common assent made partition of the aforesaid wood among themselves, to each one for his own portion to be held separately. So that of the tenements now put in view 7 acres of wood were assigned to the aforesaid William [de Meeles] for his portion to be held separately, and other 7 acres were assigned to Ralph del Heth and Margaret for the portion belonging to them. Being asked how long it is since that wood was divided, they say that about 14 years have elapsed since the partition was made. Being asked also whether the aforesaid William [de Meeles] and Ralph and Margaret [del Heth] were then tenants &c., they say Yes. And be-

tercie

Adam fuit dns totius medietatis et Hugo quarte partis medietatis, Witts tercie

fil Ad quarte partis & Radus & Margareta quarte partis. Neither the original statement nor the correction was quite accurate. It is clear from other entries on the Plea Roll that the whole wood comprised 55 acres, of which Adam de Aldreseye (or his tenants by subinfeudation) was entitled to half, or about 28 acres, Hugh de Hatton to half of half, or about fourteen acres, William de Meeles to a quarter of half or about 7 acres, and Ralph and Margaret del Heth to a quarter of half, or about 7 acres. It is evident that the clerk of the Court took down the share of Hugh de Hatton incorrectly as a quarter of half, and then, finding that three quarters did not account for the whole, he altered the fractions in each case into thirds.

cause it was found by the assize that the aforesaid Adam [de Aldreseye], by whose feoffment the said Robert son of Adam claimed the aforesaid estovers, was not lord of the whole vill aforesaid but rather coparcener, so that by the deed of the aforesaid Adam the tenements of the aforesaid Hugh [de Hatton], William [de Meeles], Ralph and Margaret [del Heth], his coparceners, ought not of right to be burdened, Therefore it was considered that the aforesaid Robert [de Aldreseye] should get nothing by that assize but should be in misericordiâ for his false claim, and that the aforesaid William [de Meeles], Ralph and Margaret [del Heth], and Richard [Harm] should go thence without a day &c.

Chester Plea Roll, 1 & 2 Ed. II., m. 27. (1307-8.)

An assize comes to make recognition whether Hugh son of Hugh de Hatton, Ralph del Heth and Margaret his wife, William, son of Adam de Meeles, Ralph son of Adam de Alderseye, Thomas le Brid, Richard Harm, Hugh son of Henry Ketil, and William Wrekesheme, have unjustly, &c., disseised Ralph son of Hugh de Hanlegh of his free tenement in Great Alderseye after that, &c. And whence he complains that he has disseised him of a sixteenth part of 55 acres of wood with the appurtenances, &c.

And the aforesaid Richard Harm, Hugh son of Henry Ketil, and William Wrekesheme do not come, but a certain Hugh de Fouleshurst comes and answers for them as their bailiff, and says that they hold nothing in

¹ Ralph son of Hugh de Hanlegh seems to have been a tenant by subinfeudation of one-eighth of the Aldreseye moiety. Thomas le Brid was probably in a somewhat similar position.

the aforesaid tenements and do not claim anything, nor have they done any injury or disseisin to him of them, and of this they put themselves on the assize.

And Hugh, son of Hugh [de Hatton], Ralph and Margaret [del Heth], William son of Adam [de Meeles], Ralph son of Adam [de Aldreseye], and Thomas [le Brid], come in person. And the aforesaid William [de Meeles], as tenant of 7 acres 1 of the aforesaid tenements, says that they were appropriated in the lifetime of Adam his father and the same Adam died seised of those appropriated tenements, after whose death the said William, son and heir of the aforesaid Adam, entered upon the same tenements appropriated to himself, and he asks for judgment of the writ, &c.: and if it be found that the aforesaid Adam his father did not die seised of them, then he says that he has done no injury or disseisin of them to him, and of this he puts himself upon the assize. And the aforesaid Hugh son of Hugh [de Hatton], as tenant of 14 acres, and Ralph and Margaret [del Heth], as tenants of 7 acres, say that he has brought that assize against them unjustly, because they say that they themselves together with a certain Adam de Meeles, father of the aforesaid William, and Ralph son of Adam [de Aldreseye], and Thomas le Brid, and Ralph son of Hugh de Hanlegh, who now complains that he has been disseised, at one time held the aforesaid wood in common as undivided: and afterwards, wishing to make appropriations among themselves of the aforesaid wood, they assented among themselves to a partition being made of it, and that by common consent they made partition of that wood among themselves, so that a moiety of the wood was assigned to Hugh son of

¹ The words underlined with dotted lines were not legible to me in the original Plea Roll, and are merely supplied from the context.

Hugh [de Hatton], Ralph del Heth and Margaret, and Adam de Meeles, viz.: to Hugh 14 acres, to Ralph and Margaret 7 acres, and to Adam 7 acres, and another moiety of the aforesaid wood was assigned to the aforesaid Ralph son of Adam [de Aldreseye,] Thomas le Brid, and Ralph son of Hugh [de Hanlegh], who now complains, &c., which partition each one of the aforesaid coparceners, as well Ralph the present plaintiff as the others, accepted and ratified, and they ask that this may be inquired into by the assize, &c.

And the aforesaid Ralph son of Adam [de Aldreseye] and Thomas [le Brid] say that they have done no injury or disseisin of them to him, and they ask that this may be inquired into by the assize, &c.

And the aforesaid Ralph [de Hanlegh] says that the aforesaid Adam de Meeles father of the aforesaid William did not die seised of the aforesaid 7 acres appropriated as the aforesaid William son of Adam [de Meeles] says, nor was the wood aforesaid partitioned between him and his coparceners aforesaid, nor did he consent to any partition being made of it, nor accept or ratify that partition: on the contrary the aforesaid Hugh son of Hugh [de Hatton], Ralph and Margaret [del Heth], and William son of Adam de Meeles have disseised him of it unjustly and without process of law, and he asks that this may be inquired into by the assize, &c. And the aforesaid Hugh [de Hatton] and others in the same way. Therefore let the assize be taken.

The jurors, chosen by the consent of the parties, say on their oath that the aforesaid Hugh son of Hugh [de Hatton], Ralph del Heth and Margaret, and one Adam de Meeles father of the aforesaid William, Ralph son of Adam [de Aldreseye], Thomas le Brid, and Ralph son of Hugh

[de Hanlegh] the present plaintiff, at one time held the aforesaid wood in common as undivided, afterwards they agreed to a partition being made among themselves of the aforesaid wood, and they made a partition of it amongst themselves, so that a moiety of the aforesaid wood was appropriated to Hugh son of Hugh [de Hatton], Ralph del Heth and Margaret, and Adam de Meeles, and to each one for the portion belonging to him, and the other moiety was appropriated to the aforesaid Ralph son of Adam [de Aldreseye], Thomas [le Brid], and Ralph son of Hugh [de Hanlegh], to each one for the portion belonging to him. And they say that Adam de Meeles in his lifetime appropriated 7 acres of the aforesaid tenements to himself for the portion belonging to him, and died seised of them, after whose death the aforesaid William son of the said Adam entered upon the same tenements so appropriated as son and heir, &c. Being asked whether as well Ralph son of Hugh [de Hanlegh] as all the others agreed to that partition being made, they say Yes; they say however that the said Ralph son of Hugh [de Hanlegh] was not present at the time when the partition was made, but assented to it by a certain tenant of his, to whom he had demised a moiety of his tenements in the same vill, to receive his portion of the aforesaid wood, who Being asked, whether the said Ralph has received by the hands of his tenant any advantage from his portion assigned to him since the partition was made by the sale of wood and they say Yes. And because it was found by that assize that the said Ralph son of Hugh [de Hanlegh], the present plaintiff, at one time held the aforesaid, &c., in common as undivided with the aforesaid Hugh [de Hatton] and the others, which tenements they partitioned among themselves by common consent, and that the said Ralph by receiving a profit out of his portion assigned to him and by the sale of wood had assented to the partition, although he was not present when that partition was made, therefore it was considered that the aforesaid Ralph should get nothing by that assize, but should be in misericordia for his false claim, and that the aforesaid &c. [i.e. the defendants] should go thence without a day.

4. (c. 1300.) Feoffment by RALPH DE ALDERSEY to HUGH, his son, of all the lands, &c., which he had of the feoffment of Ralph son of HUGH DE HANLEY, in Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Ralph de Aldryssey have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Hugh my son, his heirs or assigns, all the lands and tenements which I had of the feoffment of Ralph son of Hugh de Hanley, with the appurtenances in Aldressey. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Hugh and his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the services thence due and of right accustomed, freely, quietly, well, and in peace, with all liberties, commodities, appurtenances, commons, and easements, to the said lands and tenements belonging.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, John de Goldburn, William de Coton, William de Mulneton, Robert de Hawarthyn, Richard de Cawarthyn, Henry the clerk, and others.

[Not dated. Seal of white wax, illegible.]

Note.—Qu. however whether this deed should not follow No. 5?

5. (c. 1311.) Feoffment by RALPH, son of Hugh de Hanley to Ralph, son of Adam de Aldersey, of land in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Ralph, son of Hugh de Hanlegh, have granted, given, and by this my present charter confirmed to Ralph, son of Adam de Aldreseye, all the land which I have in Great Aldreshey, that is to say, all that land with the meadows which Thomas le Brid formerly held of me to farm, and all the moiety of all that wood, waste, moor, and moss, which [sc. moiety] Hugh de Hanleygh my father had, and all the appurtenances. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Ralph son of Adam, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lord of the fee by the services therefor due and accustomed, freely, quietly, in right and inheritance for ever, with all liberties, commodities, and easements, yielding therefor yearly to me, my heirs, or assigns, 6s. 8d. at the feasts of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and St. Martin in Winter, by equal portions.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Sir $(d\bar{n}o)$ Pagan Tibbotot,¹ now Justiciary of Chester, Richard de ffogheleshurst² [Foulishurst], now sheriff of Cheshire, William de Mulneton, David de Barton, Robert de Codinton, John de Golborne, Richard de Cawrthyn, John the clerk, and others.

[Not dated. Seal of dark green wax, broken (not heraldic). A star of 8 points, with inscription S. RADULFI]

¹ He was Justiciary of Chester, 4 and 5 Edw. II., 1310-11, 1311-12.

² He was Sheriff of Cheshire in 1311, 1313, and 1316.

6. (c. 1315.) Feoffment by Ralph, son of Adam son of Hugh de Aldersey, to Thomas, son of Ralph son of Hugh de Aldersey, of land in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Ralph, son of Adam son of Hugh de Aldirsey, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Thomas, son of Ralph son of Hugh de Aldirsey, a certain place of land lying in the higher part of Woluileghruding towards the vill of Great Aldirsey, viz., four butts with a meadow in the end (cum pto in fine) between the ditch on the one part and the land of Thomas le Brid on the other part, and abutting on the stream (ductū) of Aldirsey on the west part, as it is there divided and extending, with its appurtenances, for his common in my place of land near Le Stockenebrugge. To have and to hold of the chief lord of the fee by the service thence due and accustomed, to the aforesaid Thomas, his heirs and assigns, freely, quietly, wholly, with all liberties, commons, and easements, for ever.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Richard de ffoulishurst,¹ now sheriff of Cheshire, David de Barton, Thomas de Brexon, Hugh de Wauerton, Thomas Posecod [sic for Pesecod], William de Mulneton, Robert de Codinton, clerk, and others.

[Not dated. Seal gone.]

¹ He was Sheriff of Cheshire in 1311, 1313, and 1316.

7. (1324.) Quitclaim by WILLIAM, son of Thomas DE ALDERSEY, to RALPH, son of ADAM DE ALDERSEY, of all his right in a certain wood in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) Be it known to all by the tenor of this indenture that on Wednesday next after the feast of the circumcision of our Lord [Jan. 1] in the 17th year of the reign of King Edward son of King Edward [1324], it is covenanted between William son of Thomas de Aldressey, on the one part, and Ralph son of Adam de Aldressey, on the other part, that is to say, that the aforesaid William hath remised, granted, and absolutely for himself and his heirs for ever quitclaimed to the aforesaid Ralph, his heirs or assigns, all his right and claim in the whole of that part of wood of the said Ralph, in Great Aldressey, by reason of common of pasture, So that neither the said William nor his heirs nor any in their name shall have any right or claim in the whole of the aforesaid part of the said wood by reason of common pasture.

For this before remission and quitclaim the said Ralph hath given to the aforesaid William one selion of land in Hulgreue, and one selion of land which is called Le Oak Lond which Richard de Eyton formerly held, and a certain place of land containing 23 perches (ptic) and 12 feet in length and 2 perches (ptic) in breadth, with the appurtenances, in Great Aldressey, as it is bound and divided the day of the making of these presents. To have and to hold to the said William, his heirs or assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the services thence due and of right accustomed.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Richard de ffoulishurst, now

sheriff of Cheshire, William de Mulneton, William de Coton, Robert de Haurthyn, Henry the clerk, and others.

[Round seal of dark green wax.]

8. (c. 1330.) Feoffment by Hugh, son of Ralph son of Adam de Aldersey, to Hugh, his son, of all his messuages, lands, &c., within the divisions of Chester.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I, Hugh son of Ralph son of Adam de Aldersey, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Hugh, my son, all my lands, tenements, with all their appurtenances, messuages, curtilages, meadows, and other the appurtenances within all the divisions of Chester (Cestris?) on the day of the making of this present charter. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Hugh and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, of the chief lords of the fees, by the services thence due for ever.

And if it happen that the said Hugh die without heir of his body lawfully begotten, then all the said lands and tenements shall wholly revert to me and my heirs.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Edmund de Coton, David de Malpas . . [illegible] de Broxn, David son of William de Broxun, and others.

[Not dated. Seal gone.]

9. (c.1335.) Feoffment by RALPH DE ALDERSEY to ROBERT of all his lands, &c., in . . rton [Barton?].

(Latin.) Be it known that I, Ralph de Aldressey, have given, granted, and by this my present charter

confirmed to Robert all my lands and tenements, rents and services, with all their appurtenances and rights in . . rton [Barton?]. To have and to hold to the said Robert, his heirs and assigns, by the service thence due and of right accustomed.

These being witnesses, Sir (dño) Hugh de ffrene.... William de Boydel, and John de Ardene, knights, Patrick de Barton, John clerk, and others.

[Not dated. Seal of brown wax.]
[A piece of this deed torn off.]

10. (1336.) Bond from Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldersey, to Robert in 40s.

(Latin.) Bond by which Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldresey, is bound to Robert. [torn off] in 40s.

Given at Le Lee on Wednesday in the feast of St. Boniface [June 5] 10 Edw. III. [1336].

A piece of this deed torn off.

11. (1338.) Quitclaim by RALPH DE ALDERSEY to ROBERT, his son, of all his lands in Barton.

(Latin.) Be it known to all that I, Ralph de Aldressey, have granted, remised, and absolutely for me and my heirs for ever quitclaimed to Robert my son, his heirs and assigns, all my right and claim which I have had or in any manner may have in all those lands, tenements, rents, services, with all their appurtenances, which the said Robert had of the gift and feoffment of me the said Ralph, in Barton. So that neither I the said Ralph nor my heirs, nor any for us or in our name, shall have

any right or claim in the aforesaid lands, &c., but from all action shall be excluded by these presents for ever.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Sirs (dnis) John de Ardene, William de Boydel, knights, Robert son of John de Pulford, Ralph de Modburlegh, Philip de Eggerton, Patrick de Barton, John de Codynton, Robert de Codinton, Henry de Pulford, clerk, and others.

Given at Barton on Tuesday next before the feast of St. Gregory the Pope [March 12] 12 Edward III. [1338]. [Seal of red wax.]

[Inscription round seal s. SIMONIS DE HIRST.]

12. (1342.) Agreement by Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldersey, to pay 20s. per annum for six years to Robert de Hawardyn.

(Latin.) This is the agreement made between Hugh son of Ralph de Aldresey, on the one part, and Robert de Hawardyn, on the other part, viz., that the aforesaid Hugh is indebted to the aforesaid Robert, his heirs and executors, in 20s. of silver yearly, to be payed at certain days assigned, viz., at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist 10s., and at the feast of St. Martin the Bishop 10s., by equal portions, and so from year to year to the end of the term of six years fully to be completed, the term to begin at the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [June 24] 16 Edward III. [1342]. And if it happen that the said 20s. be not paid at the days aforesaid, the said Robert shall distrain for the same on all the land of the said Hugh in Aldresey.

These being witnesses, Morgan del Mulneton, Thomas de Broxon, Richard de Caurdyn, Thomas le Bryd.

[Seal gone.]

13. (1343.) Deed of mutual quitclaim between WILLIAM, son of WILLIAM LE BOYDELL, and HUGH and WILLIAM, sons of RALPH son of ADAM DE ALDERSEY, in respect of land on each side of a ditch between certain lands in Hanley and Aldersey.

(Latin.) This indenture witnesseth that it is covenanted between William son of William le Boydell, on the one part, and Hugh and William, sons of Ralph son of Adam de Aldresey, on the other part, namely, Whereas a certain ditch was made between the aforesaid parties, that is to say, between the hey of Hanley and the field of Aldreseys Wode, beginning at the bridge of Hullemouneslake, and so leading between the boundaries aforesaid to the boundaries placed between the land of Thomas le Bryd of Aldresey and the land of the aforesaid William son of Ralph. The aforesaid William son of William hath granted and for him and his heirs and assigns released and for ever quitclaimed to the aforesaid Hugh and William, their heirs and assigns, all his rights and claim by reason of the aforesaid ditch towards the field aforesaid, namely, from the little turbary placed at the beginning of the work (in initio opis) of the aforesaid ditch. And the aforesaid Hugh and William have granted and for themselves their heirs and assigns released and for ever quitclaimed to the aforesaid William son of William, his heirs and assigns, all their right and claim by reason of the aforesaid ditch towards the aforesaid hey, namely, from the aforesaid turbary.

These being witnesses, Randle de Oldynton, now sheriff of Cheshire, William de Golburne, Morgan de Mulneton, Robert de Haurthyn, Thomas le Bryd of Aldresey, and others.

Given at Hanley on Tuesday in the feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude [Oct. 28] 1343.

[Seal gone.]

14. (1347.) Lease by Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldersey, to William, son of Richard son of Thomas de Cholley, of messuages, lands, &c., in Great Aldersey, for six years.

(Latin.) This Indenture witnesseth that it is covenanted between Hugh son of Ralph de Aldersey, on the one part, and William son of Richard son of Thomas de Cholley, on the other part, that the aforesaid Hugh hath given and granted to the aforesaid William all his lands with the messuages, curtilages, meadows, and pastures, which he has within the boundaries of Great Aldresey the day of the making of this indenture, saving to the aforesaid Hugh his croft Le Croftmedwe and his part of turbary upon Woluiley and Le Schortebuttes Hendes and Le Stokkenebrugge, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold to the aforesaid William for the term of six years, beginning at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel [Sept. 29] 1347. And if it happen that the aforesaid William die within the term aforesaid, the said tenements shall remain to Richard and John, brothers of the said William, to the end of the said term.

These being witnesses, David de Barton, John de Codynton, Hugh del Halle of Clutton, Thomas son of Richard son of Thomas de Clutton, and others.

[Seal gone.]

15. (1350.) Feoffment by John Harding, chaplain, and Hugh de Ledsham to Hugh, son of Ralph de Albersey, and his wife, of lands, &c., in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that we John Harding, chaplain, and Hugh de Ledesham have given, granted, and by this our present charter confirmed to Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldresey, and his wife all the lands and tenements, which we had of the gift and feoffment of the aforesaid Hugh son of Ralph, in Great Aldresey. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Hugh and his wife, and the heirs between them lawfully begotten, of the chief lords of the fees by the services thence due and of right accustomed. And if it happen that the aforesaid Hugh and his wife die without heir of their bodies lawfully begotten, then we will and grant that all the aforesaid tenements shall wholly remain to John, son of John de Domvile, and Cecily his wife, their heirs and assigns, to hold as aforesaid.

These being witnesses, William de Golburn, . . [illegible] . . William son of David de Broxun, Richard de Codyngton, Richard son of Jore, and others.

Given at Aldresey on Sunday next after the feast of St. Chad the Bishop [March 2] 1350.

[One seal gone, the other of white wax, illegible.]

16. (1351.) Feoffment by John Harding, chaplain, and Hugh de Ledsham, to Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldersey the elder, and his wife, of lands, &c., in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and suture know that we John Hardyng, chaplain, and Hugh de Ledesham have

given, granted, and by this our present charter indented confirmed to Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldresey the elder, and his wife, and the heirs of their bodies issuing, all the lands and tenements with the appurtenances in the vill of Great Aldresey, which we had of the gift and feoffment of the aforesaid Hugh, son of Ralph de Aldresey the elder. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Hugh and his wife, and the heirs of their bodies issuing, by the service thence due and of right accustomed. And if it happen that the aforesaid Hugh and his wife die without heir of their bodies, then the aforesaid tenements with the appurtenances shall wholly remain to John Domuile, junior, and Cecily his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid John Domuile, junior, by the service thence due and of right accustomed.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Sir (dno) John Seynpere, knight, Philip de Egerton, William de Golborn, Roger le Bruyn of Stapulford, Robert le Belewe, and others.

Given at Great Aldersey on Sunday next after the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [June 24], 25 Edward III. [1351].

[Seals gone.]

17. (1354.) Will of Hugh de Aldersey. [This will is not to be found at Chester.]

(Latin.) In the name of God, Amen. I Hugh de de Aldresey on Sunday next after the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle [June 11], A.D. 1354, being in good memory make my testament in manner following.

Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God, and my body to be buried in the church of St. Mary of Codyntun,

and to the Rector of the church of Codyntun for licence for my body to be buried there 2s. I bequeath to Sir (dno) Thomas, parochial chaplain, 2s., and to Philip the clerk 12d. I bequeath to Hugh de Aytun le Crope fem' of one place of meadow to me (furā vni. carect.).

The residue of my goods, my debts and legacies being paid, to my wife and my son, and to see this testament fulfilled and faithfully performed I ordain make and constitute Hugh de Ledsam and my wife my executors (ut meli⁹ fieri videtur).

In testimony of which thing I have placed my seal. Given the day and place above said.

[Seal gone.]

18. (1421.) Feoffment by Hugh de Aldersey to Nicholas Potter, Rector of Codynton, of all his messuages, lands, &c., in Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Hugh de Aldressey have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Nicholas Potter, Rector of the church of Codynton, all those messuages, lands, and tenements, rents and services, with their appurtenances, which I have in the vill of Aldressey. To have and to hold to the aforesaid Nicholas, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee by the services thence due and of right accustomed.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Philip ffilkyn, William Warde of Horton, Hugh Godemon, William le Mascy of Codynton, Thomas de Huxley, and others.

Given at Aldressey on Monday next after the feast of All Saints [Nov. 1] 9 Henry V. [1421].

[Small seal of red wax, not heraldic].

19. (1424.) Feoffment by Nicholas Potter, Rector of Codynton, to Hugh de Aldersey and Margery his wife, of messuages, lands &c., in Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Nicholas Potter, Rector of the church of Codynton, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Hugh de Aldresey, and Margery his wife, all those messuages, lands, and tenements, rents and services, with their appurtenances, in the vill of Aldresey, which I lately had of the gift and feoffment of the aforesaid Hugh, except one messuage and six selions of land with a meadow adjacent in the vill aforesaid. To have and to hold to the same Hugh and Margery, and the heirs between them lawfully begotten, of the chief lords of the fees, by the services thence due and of right accustomed for ever. Remainder to the right heirs of the said Hugh for ever.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Philip ffilkyn, William le Warde of Horton, Hugh Godemon, William le Mascy of Codynton, Thomas de Huxley, and others.

Given at Aldersey on Friday next after the feast of St. Aldhelm the Bishop [May 25] 2 Henry VI. [1424]. [Seal of green wax, armorial.]

20. (1445.) Appointment by Thomas DE Beston and others of Henry, son of Thomas Brayne, as their attorney to receive seisin of lands, &c., in Great Aldersey.

(Latin.) Be it known to all by these presents that we Thomas de Beyston, Henry son of Henry Brayn, and

Ralph Brayn, have appointed and in our place put our wellbeloved in Christ Henry, son of Thomas Brayn, our attorney to accept and receive for us and in our name full and peaceful seisin in all our lands and tenements in the vill of Great Aldresay in which William de Aldresay lately enfeoffed us.

Given at Great Aldresay on Friday next before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [June 24] 23 Henry VI. [1445].

[Three seals of red wax, not heraldic.]

21. (1447). Feoffment by RICHARD BAKER, chaplain of Bunbury, to WILLIAM DE ALDERSEY and MARGERY his wife of lands, &c., in Mickle Aldersey, Acton near Weverham, and Hatton.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Richard Baker, chaplain of the parish of Bunbere, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to William de Aldersey and Margery his wife, and the heirs of the aforesaid William lawfully begotten, all the lands and tenements, rents and services, with their appurtenances, which I formerly had of the gift and feoffment of the aforesaid William, in the vills of Mykullaldersey, Acton near Werhm, and Hatton in the parish of Dersber [Daresbury]. To have and to hold of the chief lords of the fees by the services thence due and of right accustomed, with remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid William.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Thomas de Beston, Randle Dod of Broxhm [? sic for Broxton], Philip de Aldersey, and others.

Given at Aldersay on Monday next after the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [June 24] 25 Henry VI. [1447].

[Seal gone.]

- 22-28. (1474-6.) Grants &c. of lands, &c., in Spurstow, co. Chester (cf. also Nos. 272-287).
- 22. (1474.) (Latin.) Feoffment by Ralph Brayne to Richard Wodewart and Ralph Wright, clerks, of all his messuages, lands, &c., in Spurstowe within the County of Chester.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, William Stanley, knight, Chamberlain of Chester, Hugh Calueley, John Donne, knights, Peter Dutton, and James Clyve.

Given at Spurstowe on Monday next after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle [Aug. 24] 14 Edward IV. [1474].

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic].

23. (1474.) (Latin.) Appointment by Ralph Brayne of John Aldresey and John Stoke as attorneys to deliver seisin of the above premises to Richard Wodewart and Ralph Wright, clerks.

[Dated as above.]
[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

24. (1474.) Deed poll by Ralph Brayne declaring the uses of the above feoffment, that is to say, that the said Richard Wodewart and Ralph Wright shall make an estate again to me the said Rauf Brayne and Kateryn my wife during our lives, with remainder to Henry

Aldresey of Aldresey, and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with remainder to the right heirs of me the said Rauf Brayne for ever.

Witnesses, John Hokenhull squier, Randolph Blese, preist, and Thomas Wright.

[Dated as in No. 22.]
[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

25. (1474.) Duplicate of deed No. 24.

26. (1475.) Will of RALPH BRAYNE of Spurstow.

(Latin.) In the name of God, Amen, the 7 Sept. 1475. I Ralph Brayen constitute my testament in this manner. Imprimis I bequeath my soul to Almighty God, and my body to be buried within the cemetery of the Collegiate Church of St. Boniface of Bonbor [Bunbury], and I give my best beast for my principal. Item I bequeath to the work of the church aforesaid 6s. 8d. Item I bequeath to the work of the Collegiate Church of St. John, Chester, one great oak.

Item I give and bequeath all my lands and tenements to Katherine my wife during her life, and after the decease of the aforesaid Katherine, I will that they shall remain to Henry Aldursley and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

Item be it known to all that Morgan Masse owes me four marks and 3s. 4d. Item Thomas Aldfort 26s. 8d. Item John Betteley 5s. Item James Dod 5s. 4d., John Bostoke of Chester 3s. 4d.

Item be it known to all that I the aforesaid Ralph owe the wife of Thomas Crewe 3s. 4d., and to see this

my testament well and faithfully performed I constitute and ordain my faithful executors Katherine my wife and my heir Henry Aldursley.

In testimony of which thing I have placed my seal, these being witnesses, William Bulkeley, Henry Aldursley, John Halghton, and others.

Given at my house at Spursto the day and year abovesaid.

[Small seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

Endorsed on the back (in Latin):

Proved before the Dean of the Deanery of Wich Malbank the 17th Sept. in the year within written, and administration granted to the executors.

27. (1476.) (Latin.) Feoffment by Richard Wodewart, clerk, to Katherine, late wife to Ralph Brayne, of all those messuages, lands, &c., which the aforesaid Richard, together with Ralph Wright, clerk, now deceased, lately had of the gift and feoffment of the said Ralph Brayne, in Spurstowe, co. Chester. To hold to the said Katherine for the term of her life, with remainder to Henry Aldresey of Aldresey and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, with remainder to the right heirs of the aforesaid Ralph Brayne for ever.

These being witnesses, Hugh Calveley, knight, Richard Spurstowe of Spurstowe, senior, Richard Prestlond, junior, and many others.

Given at Spurstowe aforesaid on Monday next after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel [Sept. 29] 16 Edward IV. [1476].

[Seal gone.]

28. (1476.) Duplicate of deed No. 27.

29. (1484.) Feoffment by Henry Aldersey, son and heir of William Aldersey, to Hugh Calveley Esq. of lands &c. in Aldersey, Acton, Hatton, and Spurstow, co. Chester.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Henry Aldirsey, son and heir of William Aldirsey, to Hugh Calueley Esq. of all his manors, messuages, lands, &c., in the vill of Aldirsey and in the vill of Acton in the parish of Weuerham, and in the vill of Hatton in the parish of Deresbury, and in the vill of Spurstow in the parish of Bunbery, or elsewhere in the county of Chester.

[With clause of warranty.]

Richard Hockenell and William Hockenell are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

These being witnesses, John Aldirsey son of Hugh Aldirsey, William Huxeley, Thomas Johnson, and many others.

Given at Spurstow on the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist [April 25] 1 Richard III. [1484].

[Seal gone.]

30. (1485.) Feoffment of same premises.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Hugh Calueley Esq. to Thomas Gelebrond, his heirs and assigns for ever, of the manors, messuages, land, &c. (as in No. 29).

[With clause of warranty.]

(The same witnesses as in No. 29.)

Given at Spurstow on the feast of St. John the Baptist [June 24] 2 Richard III. [1485].

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

31. (1494.) Bond from Henry Aldersey and others to Thomas Brayne, to perform an award concerning lands in Spurstow.

(Latin.) Bond by which Henry Aldresey, Hugh Calueley, knight, and John Hokenhull, senior, are bound to Thomas Brayne, in £100.

Dated the 13th June 9 Henry VII. [1494].

(English.) The condition is that the above bounden Henry abide the award of John Hawardyn, Gruffith Lloid, John Bulkeley, William Brayn, Jenkyn Aldresey, and John Heth of Hampton, arbitrators indifferently chosen by the said parties, of and upon the right, title, and possession of certain lands and tenements in Spurstowe co. Chester, being in variance betwixt the said parties.

[Seals gone.]

32. (1499.) Feoffment by Henry Aldersey, son and heir of William Aldersey, to Sir William Stan-Ley of Hoton, Knt., and others, of all his lands in Aldersey, &c.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Henry Aldirsey, son and heir of William Aldirsey, to William Stanley of Hoton, knight, Thomas Salesbury, knight, Peter Stanley Esq., Thomas Conwaye Esq., Hugh Calueley Esq., William Wilbram Esq., John Glegge, gentleman, John Hokenhull, senior, gentleman, Tocher (Tochero) Beston, gentleman, Thomas Hynton of Hynton, gentleman, Richard Clyff, gentleman, Thomas Parre of Bakforde, gentleman, Robert Tatton, clerk, and Thomas Carter, chap-

lain, of all his manors, messuages, lands, &c., in the vill of Aldirsey, &c. (as in deed No. 29).

[With clause of warranty.]

John Hokenhull, junior, and John Aldersey are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

These being witnesses, Richard Cholmondeley, Esq., Randle Spurstowe, Esq., Richard Prestlonde, Esq., and many others.

Given at Aldersey aforesaid the 4 May 14 Henry VII. [1499].

[Seal broken.]

33. (1501.) Bond from RALPH BRAYNE and another to HENRY ALDERSEY, to perform an Award concerning lands in Spurstow.

Bond by which Ralph Brayn and Ralph Rauens-croft Esq. are bound to Henry Aldersey, in £40.

Dated 9 June 16 Henry VII. [1501].

The condition is that the above bounden Rauff Brayn stand to and perform the award of Thomas Hawardyn, arbitrator on the part of the said Rauff Brayn chosen, and of Richard Snede, arbitrator on the part of the said Henry chosen, upon all manner of actions had and moved between the said parties, and especially for the right and possession of certain lands and tenements lying in Spurstowe, now in traverse between the said parties. And if the said award be not made by the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next coming, then the said Rauff Brayn shall perform the award of Adam Birkhened, umpire betwixt the said parties chosen.

[Seal broken.]

34. (1501.) Feoffment by Henry Aldersey to Robert Mascy of Coddington of a messuage &c. in Spurstow co. Chester.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Henry Aldresay to Robert Mascy of Codynton of one messuage and 20 acres of land with the appurtenances in Spurstowe.

John son of Hugh Aldresay is appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

These being witnesses, Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamnet Hassall, and others.

Given at Spurstowe, 10 July 16 Henry VII. [1501]. [Seal of dark wax, armorial, broken (party per chevron, three pheons).]

35. (1503.) Bond from RALPH BRAYNE of London, yeoman, to Henry Aldersey, to perform the award of the Bishop of London and John Porte.

(Latin.) Bond by which Ralph Brayne of "Londonne, yoman," is bound to Henry Aldersaye, in £40.

Dated 9 August 18 Henry VII. [1503].

(English.) The condition is that the within bounden Rauff Brayne observe, keep, and perform the award of the Right Rev. Father in God, the Bishop of London, and John Poort, of and upon all manner of matters for lands and others being in traverse between the said Rauff and the within named Henry Aldersaye, so the said award be made and given in writing to either of the said parties before the feast of All Saints next ensuing the date hereof, and that the said Rauff or his attorney shall be at London within fourteen days im-

mediately following the feast of St. Michael the Archangel next ensuing the said date to attend the said arbitrators for a final end to be had in the premises, and from thence not depart without their licence.

[Plain seal of red wax.]

36. (1503.) Award by William, Bishop of London and Chancellor of England, and John Porte, concerning a messuage &c. in Spurstow, co. Chester.

To all men to whom this present award indented shall come Wyllm Bysshopp of London and Chancellor of England, and John Porte send greeting.

Whereas variances, controversies, and debates have been had, moved, and depending betwixt Rauff Breyn on the one part and Harry Aldersay on the other part, for the right, title, and possession of a messuage, and all such lands and hereditaments in Spurstowe co. Chester, which were the messuage, lands, and tenements of one Rauff Brayn, whose heir the above named Rauff is, that is to say, son of Thomas brother of the said Rauff. Wherefore the said parties have compromitted themselves to stand to and perform the doom and award of us the said Bishop and John Porte. Whereupon we award in manner and form following.

First that the said Harry shall pay 25¹¹ to the the said Bishop and to remain in his hands until the said Harry or his heirs be made sure of the premises, and then the said 25¹¹ to be delivered to the said Rauff, his executors or assigns. And if the said Rauff fortune to decease before the said Harry or his heirs be made sure of the said premises, or if the said Rauff refuse to make assurance of the same, then the said 25¹¹ shall be repaid to

the said Harry. And after the said 25ⁱⁱ be paid in form aforesaid, we award that the said Harry shall have to him and his heirs the said messuage and lands, &c., without let or disturbance, and shall have all the deeds and evidences concerning the same.

Dated 5 Dec. 19 Henry VII. [1503].

We award that Margere moder of the said Rauff during her life shall have her kneeling place in the parish church of Bunbure at the form in the pew which belongeth to the said house, with the wife of the said Harry, without any interruption.

(Signed) Willm London. John Porte.

[Two seals of red wax, illegible.]

37. (1504.) Defeasance from WILLIAM CUDWORTH to HENRY ALDERSEY and John his son and heir apparent, relating to a certain annuity out of their lands.

This indenture made the 6 May 19 Henry VII. [1504], between William Cudworth on the one part and Henry Aldresay and John his son and heir apparent on the other part.

Witnesseth that whereas the said Henry and John have granted to the said William, his heirs and assigns for ever, an annuity or yearly rent of 50s. out of all their lands in the county of Chester, to be paid "At the high Auter win the poche Church of Wibunbury win the Coutie of Chestre," if the said Henry and John or their heirs pay to the said William or his heirs ten pounds sterling, then the said annuity shall be void.

[Seal gone.]

38. (1504.) Receipt from WILLIAM, Archbishop of Canterbury, to HENRY ALDERSEY of Spurstow, for £10, to the use of RALPH BRAYNE.

(Latin.) Be it known to all by these presents that we William by Divine permission Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolic See (applice sedis legatum) have received and had the day of the making of these presents of Henry Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, by the hands of John Aldersey son of the aforesaid Henry, £10 sterling in part payment of a greater sum, to the use of Ralph Brayne, according to the form, tenor, and effect of a certain award and judgment by us and one John Porte, "gentilman," between the said Henry and Ralph made.

Dated 19 May 19 Henry VII. [1504].

By the consent of the abovesaid John Aldersey, son of the above written Henry Aldersey, the said £ 10 sterling were delivered into the hands of the above written Ralph Brayne in the presence of William Thomson, Hugh Chalner, Thomas Wodyngton, and Ralph de Spurstowe.

[Small armorial seal of red wax.]

39. (1504.) Agreement for settlement made previous to the marriage of John Aldersey, son and heir apparent of Henry Aldersey, with Agnes, daughter of Thomas Bridde of Clotton.

This indenture made the 16 Sept. 20 Henry VII. [1504], between Henry Aldersey and John his son and heir apparent, on the one part, and Thomas Bridde of

Clotton, on the other part, Witnesseth that the said parties are agreed and accorded in manner following, that is to wit, the said Henry agrees that the said John his son shall be ready to wed and take to wife Agnes, daughter of the said Thomas, betwixt the date hereof and the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist then next ensuing, if the said Agnes thereunto will be ready and the law of Holy Church will it suffer. Also the said Henry agrees to make a sure, sufficient, and lawful estate by deed indented to the yearly value of 26s. 8d., to the behoof of the said Agnes for the term of her life. Remainder to the right heirs betwixt the said John and Agnes lawfully begotten. Remainder at the pleasure of the said Henry for ever.

Also the said Henry agrees that all his other messuages, lands &c., shall immediately after his decease remain to the said John and the right heirs betwixt the said John and Agnes lawfully begotten for ever, the dower of the wife of the said Henry only excepted.

Also the said Henry agrees that, whereas he borrowed of William Cudworth 10^{li}, he and John Hokenhull the elder, gent., shall be bound to the said Thomas in 15^{li} to save harmless the said John Aldersey from the payment of the said 10^{li}.

For which marriage and covenants the said Thomas Bridde agrees to pay to the said Henry or his assigns 1816 6s. 8d., and he the said Thomas and Richard Bridde and Robert Bridde his brethren shall be bound to the said Henry for the payment thereof.

[Two small seals of brown wax, not heraldic.]

40. (1504.) Bond from Henry Aldersey to Thomas Bridde of Clotton.

(Latin and English.) Bond, dated 1 Oct. 20 Henry VII. [1504], from Henry Aldersey, John Hokenhull of Hokenhull, senior, and John Aldersey of Aldersey, senior, to Thomas Bridde of Clotton, in 100 marks, to perform covenants.

[Three small seals of brown wax, not heraldic.]

- 41, 42. (1504-5.) Receipts from RALPH BRAYNE, to HENRY ALDERSEY.
- 41. (Latin.) Be it known to all by these presents that I Ralph Brayne have received and had the day of the making of these presents of Henry Aldersay, by the hands of John Aldersay, £10 in part payment of a greater sum.

Dated 28 Oct. 20 Henry VII. [1504].

42. (Latin.) Be it known to all by these presents that I Ralph Brayne have received and had the day of the making of these presents of Henry Aldersay, by the hands of John Aldersay, £25, in full payment of all sums to me the said Ralph due.

Dated 20 March 20 Henry VII. [1504-5].

43. (1505.) Feoffment by Henry Aldersey to trustees for the use of Agnes, wife of John Aldersey his son, for her life, &c., of lands &c. in Hatton near Daresbury, Acton, and Great Aldersey co. Chester.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Henry Aldersey to Richard Clyve, Esq., and Richard Hokenhull of all his lands and tenements in the vill of Hatton near Derresbury and Acton co. Chester, and also two closes called Le Corsty Croft and Churche More, with one acre of land, in Great Aldersey, late in the tenure of John son of Hugh Aldersey, for the use of Agnes, wife of John Aldersey son of the said Henry, for her life, and after her decease to the use of the heirs of the said John and Agnes lawfully begotten, with remainder to the use of the said Henry and his heirs for ever.

[No names of witnesses.]

Given at Aldersey the 8 Sept. 21 Henry VII. [1505].

[Seal gone.]

44. (1506.) Bond from John Aldersey and others to Alice Aldersey, widow, to perform an Award.

(Latin.) Bond by which John Aldersey, Thomas Bryde of Clotton, and Richard Hokenhyll of Duddon are bound to Alice Aldersey, widow, in £10.

Dated 8 Augst. 21 Henry VII. [1506].

(English.) The condition is that the above bounden John Aldersey stand to, fulfil, and obey the doom and award of Sir Rondulph Brereton, knight, Chamberlain of Chester, arbitrator indifferently chosen betwixt the said John and Alice, of and upon all manner of matters, actions, debts, dowers, and demands, had and stirred betwixt the said parties.

[Seal gone.]

45. (1506.) Feoffment by Roger Beston Esq., and others, of a messuage &c. in Church Shotwick to trustees for the use of Roger Hockenhull for life, &c.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Roger Beston, Esq., Richard Clyve, Esq., John Spurstowe, gent., and Robert Cotgreve, chaplain, to Richard Hokenhull of Duddon and John Aldersey, son of Henry Aldersey, of one messuage with all the lands and tenements to the same belonging lying in Churche Shotwik, now in the tenure of George Bette, the which messuage &c. amongst others they lately had of the gift and feoffment of John Hokenhull of Hokenhull, senior, Esq. To hold to the use of Roger Hokenhull, son of the aforesaid John Hokenhull senior, for his life, with remainder to the right heirs male of the body of the said John Hokenhull, senior, lawfully begotten.

George Manley is appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

These being witnesses, Richard Donne of Utkynton, Esq., John Donne of fflaxyordes, Thomas Bridde of Clotton, and many others.

Given at Churche Shotwik on Tuesday next after the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle [Dec. 21] 22 Henry VII. [1506].

[Seals gone.]

46. (1508.) Grant by John Aldersey, son and heir of Henry Aldersey, to Robert Tatton, Rector of Waverton, and others, of all his lands, &c., in the County of Chester and all his goods and chattels.

(Latin.) Grant by John Aldersey, son and heir of Henry Aldersey, to Robert Tatton, Rector of the Church of Wauerton, Robert Bridde of Hulfeld, Richard Aldersey brother of the said John, and Hamnet Hokenhull of Duddon, of all his messuages, tofts, lands &c., in the vills of Aldersey, Spurstowe, Acton, and Hatton, and elsewhere within the County of Chester, and also all his goods and chattels moveable and immoveable whatsoever.

These being witnesses, John Hokenhull the younger, Ralph Huxley of Sidenhale, Thomas Bridde of Clotton, and many others.

Given at Aldersey on Friday next after the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle [June 11] 23 Henry VII. [1508].

[Seal gone.]

47. (1518.) Feoffment by RICHARD DOD of Spurstow, co. Chester, to John Aldersey of Spurstow, and others, of all his lands &c. in Spurstow.

(Latin.) Feoffment by Richard Dod of Spurstow, co. Chester, to John Audersey of the same vill, David Dod of Reddeley, Ralph Bernestun, clerk, James Brocke, clerk, and Richard Williamson, clerk, of all his messuages, lands, tenements, rents and services, with all

their appurtenances, lying in Spurstow aforesaid or elsewhere within the county of Chester.

William Dod of Cholmundeley is appointed attorney to deliver seising.

These being witnesses, Hugh Dod son of the aforesaid Richard Dod, Robert Dod, with many others.

Given at Spurstow the 30th January 9 Henry VIII. [1517-18].

[Small seal of red wax, broken.]

48. (1528.) Settlement made previous to the marriage of John, son and heir apparent of John Aldersey of Spurstowe, and Agnes, daughter of Hugh Aston of Aston.

This Indenture, made the 3rd Sept. 20 Henry VIII. [1528] between John Aldersey of Spurstowe on the one part and Hugh Aston of Aston on the other part, Witnesseth that it is covenanted and agreed between the said parties in form following, that is to say, the said John covenanteth and granteth to the same Hugh that John Aldersey, son and heir apparent of the said John Aldersey, by the sufferance of God, on this side the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist next after the date of these presents, shall marry and take to wife Annes daughter of the said Hugh, if the law of Holy Church will suffer it and the said Annes will thereunto agree.

Also the said John the father covenants that he or feoffees to his use shall before the said marriage be solemnized, or when desired by the said Hugh Aston or his assigns, make a sure and sufficient estate in the law of lands and tenements within the county of Chester,

"not intriket w^t accion or lawfull entr of any man," to the yearly value of 16s. above all charges and reprizes, that is to wit, certain ground lying in Acton within the parish of Weyrehm now in the holding of Geffrey Marcer, of the yearly value of 6s., also a certain ground lying in Hatton within the parish of Budworthe in Halton Hundred now in the holding of Annes Hatton, widow, of the yearly value of 10s., by deed, fine, recovery, or otherwise, to Hugh Aldersey, Richard Brydde, John Lecke, and John Brayne, to hold to them and their heirs for ever, to the use and behoof of the aforesaid John Aldersey the son and Annes, and to the longer liver of them, and to the heirs of their bodies between them lawfully begotten, and for default of such issue to the right heirs of the said John the father for ever.

Also the said John the father covenants to make to the said Hugh Aldersey, &c., a sure and sufficient estate in the law of all the residue of his lands and tenements, to the use of the said John the father for his life, and after his decease to the use of the said John Aldersey the son and his heirs by the said Annes lawfully begotten, with remainder to the heirs of the said John the father lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of the said John the father for ever.

Also the said John Aldersey the father covenants that all his lands and tenements shall immediately after his decease revert and come to the said John the son and to the heirs of his body by the said Annes lawfully begotten, remainder to the heirs of the body of the said John the son lawfully begotten, remainder to the heirs of the said John the father lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of the said John the father for ever, dower or dowers of wife or wives of the said John the father and John the son always excepted.

For the which marriage and covenants the said Hugh Aston covenants to pay to the said John Aldersey the father or his assigns 20^{li}, and to Annes wife of the said John Aldersey the father, for her good will, 40s.

And for the true performance of the articles above rehearsed, the said parties shall be bound one to the other in 40li.

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

49. (1528-9.) Bond from John Aldersey of Spurstow to Hugh Aston of Aston, to perform covenants.

(Latin.) Bond by which John Aldersey of Spurstow, Hamnet Hocknell of Duddon, and Ralph Molson of Clotton, are bound to Hugh Aston of Aston, in £40.

Dated 3 Sept. 20 Henry VIII. [1528].

(English.) The condition is that the above bounden John Aldersey keep and perform the covenants and articles specified in "a draght of pap" made between the said John Aldersey on the one part, and the above named Hugh Aston on the other part, bearing date with these presents.

[Three small seals of red wax not heraldic.]

50. Similar bond dated 21 Nov. 21 Henry VIII. [1529].

51. (1528.) Will and Feoffment of John Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gentleman (of lands, &c., only).1

In the name of God Amen the xxiij day of the moneth of Septembr in the yere of owr lord god Mocccccxxviijno and in the yere of the Reign of kyng Henry the eght aft the conquest of England the xx I John Aldsey of Spurstowe win the Countie of Chest hole of mynde & body thanked be or lord god declar this my last Wyll con enyng my measez lands & tents wt their appurtentes in Spurstow Aldersey Acton and Hatton in the Countie of Ches? of Which Measez lands & tents I the seid John Aldersey by my dede indented beryng date the xxiij day of Septembr the xx yere of or soueign lord kyng Henry the eght [1528] haue enffeoffed my Ryght trusty bredern And frends Robt Aldsey of Chest Aldmann and Hugh aldersey of Ches? Michaunt Ric Aldsey of Pykton and Rie Bridde of Teuton to haue & hold the same to theim & to their heyres to the vse of me the seid John & my heyrez & to fulfill & pforme the last will of me the seid John Aldersey like as apperith by my seid dede indented here vnto annexed which my Wyll & Entent cocnyng the p'misses is as hereaf? foloyth.

ffirst I Wyll that my seid feoffes stonde and be seaset of all my seid lands & tents wt their appurtentes to the vse of me the seid John Aldersey duryng my lyff And aft my decesse I will that my seid feoffez shall suffre my wyff to dwell in my best place and howse in Spurstowe and to haue & occupye the same And all & singt the lands and tents pasturez medowes & leoses to the same belongyng wt it apprtentes to her most Advantage And

¹ This will is not to be found at Chester.

pfett in name of her hole dower & Joyntr as long as she will dwell there & be sole & vnmaried And to thentent to kepe Nurrysh & fynde my Child'n & herez toged & bryng theim upp wt the pfetts & issues therof And yff she will not do soe but mary her self then I will that my seid feoffez shall ordr And assign to my seid wyf her dower & thrydds of all my seids lands and tents wt it apprtenncs According to the Course & ordr of the Comyn lawe Also I will that my seid feoffes shall take aft^r my decesse all & euy the Rents issues & pfetts of all & singtr my seid lands & tents in Spurstowe Aldersey Acton & Hatton excepted afore by me willet & putt in vse as is aforesaid And therewt do pay all thexpenses & Costs of my funeracon the day of my buriall And also to pay all my detts whiche I shall forten to ogh And be indetted in the tyme of my deth And af? all the p'misses fulfilled I will that my seid feoffez shall stonde & be seased And possessit not oonly of all & edy the seid measez lands and tents wt it appurtentes but also aft the dissesse of my seid wyff of the reacion of all such lands & tents as it shall forten my said Wyff to haue to her dower as is aforsaid to the vse of my ryght heyres Accordyg to ye old evidens for ea And he to be restowred thereunto when he cuyth to his leafull age In wittnes wherof to this my Will endented I have annexed my seid dede of feoffement endented And haue put to my Seale yeuen the day and yere aboue Written."

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, "gentilman," have given, granted, and by this my present charter indented confirmed to Robert Aldersey of Chester, Alderman, Hugh Aldersey of Chester, merchant, Richard Aldersey of Pykton, brothers of me the aforesaid John, and Richard

Bridde of Teuerton co. Chester, all and singular my messuages, lands, and tenements, meadows, feedings, pastures, rents, reversions, services, woods and underwoods, with the appurtenances, in Aldersey, Spurstow, Acton, and Hatton co. Chester.

To have and to hold all and singular the said messuages &c. to the said Robert Aldersey, &c., their heirs and assigns for ever, to the use of me the aforesaid John and my heirs, and to fulfil and perform my last will to this my present charter indented annexed.

[With clause of warranty.]

Ralph Aldersey, chaplain, and Randle Bomvile, are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

Given at Spurstowe aforesaid the 23 Sept. 20 Henry VIII. [1528].

[Seal of red wax, a bird.]

Seisin delivered by the within named attorneys to the within named Hugh Aldersey and Richard Aldersey in the name of all the said feoffees at Aldersey in the presence of Thomas Horton, Thomas Dod, Wyllyam Horton, John Aldersey, Thomas Nevell, Thomas Danyell, John Horton, and John Brid.

52. (1531.) Bond from Thomas Hatton of London to Laurence Hatton of Hatton and John Aldersey of Spurstow, to perform an award.

(Latin.) Bond by which Thomas Hatton of London, Thomas Starky of Stretton co. Chester, Esq., and Richard Starky of Huxley, are bound to Laurence Hatton of Hatton co. Chester and John Aldersey of Spurstowe in £40.

Dated 5 Oct. 23 Henry VIII. [1531].

(English.) The condition is that the above bounden Thomas Hatton upon his part well and truly stand to and perform the award of John Hokenhull, "squier," George Holforde, "gentilman," Thomas Tochet and Thomas Grymesdiche, arbitrators between the said Thomas Hatton on the one part and the abovenamed Laurence Hatton and John Aldersey on the other part, upon all manner of variances had and moved between them.

[One seal gone, two broken.]

53. (1548.) Rental of Broxton, Cholley, Bolesworth, Aldersey, &c.

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John Jenson for a mese	vj ^s viij ^d
Hugh Caley	V ^s
Agnes Caryer (?) for a cotage	ijs
Richard dod for a mease	XX ^s
John case for a mease	vij ^s vj ^d
Rondull dode of broxon for a mese	xxvjs
Raufe dode for ye frethmil tytle	viijs
John fyssher for a mese	xviijs ijd
John catteral for Eten lands	ijs
Margere dode for Eten lands	iijd

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Wyglond. John larketon xj	
Chorleton. Robert Croketvs	
Bechen. Rychard allynne	vj ^a
Bradley. Wyllm hynton	vj ^d j ^s ix ^d
James kettell	vij ^d ob ix ^d ix ^d

53A. (1554.) Will of John Aldersey of Spurstow (of goods only).¹

"In the name of god Amen The last day of Septeber In the yere of our lord god A thowsand fyve hudreth & liiij I John Aldrsay of Spurstowe make my last will and testament in forme & man followyng.

ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almyghty god & my body to be buryed nere to my father & mother.

Secudary I bequeth to [the] vii chyldren of my Son

¹ This will is not to be found at Chester. See also Aldersey papers, (Miscellaneous Bundle A, No. 6).

John eny one of theym xiijs iiijd Also I bequeth to Richard Aldrsay my son x markes Itm to Robert Wylkynson A payr of hose Itm to John Aldrsay my son A gowne & A Jerkyn And to my doghter Anne my cloke Also I bequeth to James Aldrsay xs and A heffer calff. Also I will that the rest of my goodds not bequethed (my debts payd my funerall expence discharged) shalbe disposed by the discretion of my executors Also I estitute & make John Aldrsay & thoms Aldrsay my sonnes & Anne Aldrsay my doghter In lawe my executors And Maistr Randull Spurstowe esq'er onsear that this my last will be pformed thes beyng wittenes Sir James brocke vycar Richard bolton Davyd Dunne Richard Wodward.

Thes be the debts oghyng to me the said John.

Inpms thoms garnett...... xjs viijd
Itm John Aldrsay my son xxvjs viijd
Itm James Calueley of Pecforton xs

Endorsed on the back (in Latin):—

Proved before the Dean of Nantwich the 17 Nov. 1554, and administration granted to the executors within named.

54. (1555.) Bond from John Dutton of Helsby co. Chester, gent., and others to John Aldersey of Spurstow, to perform an Award.

(Latin.) Bond by which John Dutton of Hellesbie co. Chester, gentleman, John Aldersey of Aldersey in the county aforesaid, yeoman, Robert Aldersey of

Hellesbie aforesaid, yeoman, and Hugh Aldersey brother of the said Robert, are bound to John Aldersey of Spurstow, in £40.

Dated 3 May, 1 & 2 Philip & Mary [1555].

(English.) The condition is that the above bounden John Dutton, John Aldersey, Robert Aldersey, Hugh Aldersey, and Rauffe Aldersey, brethren of the said John and Robert, stand to perform and keep the award of Rondulph Spurstowe, Esq., George Wymmesley, chancellor, Robert Danold, clerk, Rauffe Mannyng, John Sparrowe, and Henry Brid, arbitrators between the said John Dutton, &c., on the one part and the above named John Aldersey of Spurstowe on the other part, to judge and award upon all actions, quarrels, titles to messuages, lands, &c., in traverse between the said parties.

(Signed) be me Hugh Aldersay.

[Two small seals of red wax, not heraldic.]

55. (1555.) Award by RANDLE Spurstow, Esq., George Wymmesley, chancellor, and others, concerning lands &c. in Aldersey, co. Chester.

This Indenture of Award, made the 22 May 1 & 2 Philip and Mary [1555], Witnesseth that whereas many grudges, variances, and demands for titles and occupations of lands were had and stirred between John Aldersey of Spursto of the one part and John Dutton, Maude his wife, John Aldersey of Aldersey, Robert Aldersey, Hugh Aldersey, and Rauffe Aldersey of the other part, for appeasing whereof the said parties have submitted themselves to the award of us Rondulph Spursto Esq., George Wymmesley, chancellor, Robert Danold,

clerk, Rauffe Mannyng, John Sparro, and Henry Brid, to judge and award upon all manner of actions, causes, leases, titles, occupations of messuages, lands, &c. in Aldersey, co. Chester, now in variance betwixt the said parties.

Wherefore we the said arbitrators, having heard the allegations and answers of both the said parties, award in manner following:

First we award that the said John Dutton, Maude his wife, John Aldersey, Robert Aldersey, Hugh Aldersey, and Rauffe Aldersey, assigns of Robert Aldersey late of Aldersey deceased, shall hold to them and their assigns all such measez, lands, and tenements, as John Aldersey of Spursto hath in Aldersey aforesaid, according to the lease and last will of the said Robert Aldersey deceased, during the residue of the term (except the messuage and yards which John Nycoll now occupieth, and two closes called the Ovenleys, which we award to be always reserved to the said John Aldersey of Spursto and his heirs), yielding and paying yearly to the said John Aldersey of Spursto and his heirs 52s. 8d.

Further we award that the said John Nycoll shall peaceably hold the aforesaid messuage &c. during the rest of the term, paying yearly to the said John Aldersey of Spursto and his heirs 7s.

Also we award that the said John Dutton, Maude his wife, &c., shall pay to the said John Aldersey of Spursto, his heirs or assigns £6 13s. 4d. before the feast of Holy Trinity next to come, towards which sum the said John Nycoll shall pay 7s.

[Fragments of two seals remaining.]

56. (1573.) Lease from George Spurstow of Spurstow, Esq., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of closes of land called the Hullandes in Spurstow co. Chester, for 21 years.

This Indenture, made the 26 July 15 Eliz. [1573], between George Spurstowe of Spurstowe co. Chester, Esq., of the one part, and John Aldersey of the said town and county, gent., of the other part.

Lease, in consideration of the sum of £10, to the said John Aldersey, of all those closes of land called the Hullandes, now or late in the occupation of the said John Aldersey, with the appurtenances, in Spurstowe aforesaid, for the term of 21 years, at the yearly rent of 13s. 4d.

(Signed) George Spurstowe.

[Seal of red wax, a fleur-de-lis.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of

(Signed) Marye Cherton Xpofer Mawd John Egerton George Vernam.

57. (1581.) Receipt from John Egerton of Christleton co. Chester, gent., to Thomas Aldersey, citizen and merchant of London, for £150.

Be it known to all men by these presents that I John Egerton of Crystelton co. Chester, gent., have received of Thomas Aldersey, citizen and merchant of London, by the hands of Rondull Aldersey, my brother in law,

the full sum of £150, in full satisfaction of all such sums of money as are due to me by the gift or promise of the said Thomas for the marriage of Elizabeth my wife.

Dated 2 June 23 Elizabeth [1581].

(Signed) by me John Eggerton.

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of John Aldersey Raphe Jolycose Wylyam Donn.

58. (1581.) Will of John Aldersey of Spurstow.

"In the name of god amen the xxixth day of november in the yere of our Lord god 1581 et anno Regni Dñæ nræ Elyzabethe nunc Anglie Regin vicesimo quarto etc. I Jhon Auldersaye of Spurstow within the countie of chester sicke in bodye but hole in mynd and of perfect memorye praysed be god therfore yet neuerthelesse dreading naturall Death to man vncertayn I doe ordayne and make this my last will and Testament in maner and forme as followethe. first I geue and bequeth my Soule to almightie god and to our blessed Ladye and to all the holy company of heaven trusting that by the merytes of christ Jesus my saviour I shalbe one of his elect and chosen people in his blessed kingdome of heaven, and my body to be buryed in the parishe churche yard of Bunbury nere vnto the buryall of mr Rondle Spurstow. Item my will and pleasure ys that Anne Aldersay my wyffe may haue and enioye all and singular my capitall house in Spurstow with all the ground there vnto belonging with all thinges contay[n]ed within the said house or belonginge to the same for and during her liffe naturall keping her selfe sole and vnmaryed. Item I geue and bequethe vnto the said Anne Aldersay my wyffe the reversion of an Indenture geven and graunted vnto me and my assignes by Georg Spurstow of Spurstow for certayn yeres yet to come, as by the same Indenture better appereth. Item my will and pleasure ys that the said An Aldersay my wiffe may haue my house in bunburye. Item I geue and bequeth to Rondull Aldersaye my eldest sonne my gould ring with all my armor and harnesse within my house, with all my bedstedes boordes tables glasse and waynskote worke within my house and chambers, requiring the said Rondull to leave the same at his discease to Jhon Aldersay his eldest sonne. Item I geue and bequethe to Jhon Aldersay my second sonne dwelling in London the some of xxiijl xiijs iiijd of lawfull englyshe money which Raffe Done of flaxyards esquire oughethe vnto me, being due to be paid before the date herof. Item I geue and bequeth to Jhon Aldersaye my sonne Rondull his eldest sonne my grey nagge, my male saddle my best brydle and harnesse there vnto belonging, my swerd [sword] and Dagger. Alsoe I geue and bequethe to Jhon Cotton my sonne cotton his eldest sonne xls to be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to Amye mowson the some of vjl xiijs iiijd to be paid vnto her at the discretion of Anne Aldersay my wyffe, and Rondull Aldersay my sonne. Item I geue and bequeth to Catheryne Bebington my sonne bebington his daughter the some of fyve poundes to be paid vnto her within one whole yere nest [next] after my decease. Item I geue and bequeth to Elizabeth Egerton my sonne Egerton his daughter a heffer calfe of one

yere ould. Item I geue and bequeth to Joane Vernan my servant a heffer calfe of one yere ould. Item I geue and bequeth to euerye one of the Rest of my chyldrens chyldren vjs viijd to be paid vnto them by the discrecon of my Executor herafter named. Item the rest of all my goods moveable and vnmoveable quicke and dead whersoeuer or in whose handes the[y] are or may be found, I geue and bequeth to Anne Aldersay my wiffe to vse and dispose as she shall thincke convenient, my fu[n]eralls being by her discharged, and I honestly brought home. Item I ordayne and make my trustie and wellbeloved brother Thomas Aldersay of london my sole turue [true], and lawfull Executor, to se[e] that this my last will and Testament be well and truly accomplyshed fulfilled and discharged as my onely trust lyenth [lieth] in him.

These are the deptes which are due vnto the Testator

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These were wytnesses when the Testator Sealed this his last will and Testament and delyuered the same to the vse of his Executor aboue named as his full acte and dede.

[Sealed and signed with a mark.]

John Eggerton Randull Aldersey Raffe Jelycose William Dunne Raffe mottram."

Endorsed on the back:

"My fathers wylle."

Also endorsed:

"Will of John Aldersey, 29 Nov. 1581, 24 Eliz."

This will is not to be found at Chester.

59. (1581-2.) Surrender by John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to George Spurstow, of Spurstow, Esq., of leases of lands in Spurstow.

This Indenture made the 4 Jany. 24 Elizabeth [1581-2], betwixt John Aldersey of Spurstowe co.

Chester, gent., on the one part, and George Spurstowe of Spurstowe aforesaid, Esq., on the other part.

Surrender to the said George Spurstowe of a lease made by the said George Spurstowe to the said John Aldersey for his life of two pastures called Buckelhurst and Calver Croft in Spurstowe aforesaid, and also another lease made by the said George to the said John for a term of years of four closes in Spurstowe aforesaid called the Hullands, and all the estate of the said John Aldersey therein.

(Signed) Jhon Aldersaye.

[Seal of reddish brown wax, not heraldic.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of

(Signed) Jhon Eggerton
George Vernon
Raffe Mottram
John Whitbye the yonger
Randull Aldersey.

60. (1582-3.) Settlement by RANDULL ALDERSEY of Spurstow co. Chester, gent., of all his manors, messuages, lands &c., in Aldersey, Spurstowe, and Acton co. Chester.

This Indenture, made the 12 March 25 Eliz. [1582-3], between Randull Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., of the one part, and Edward Cotton of Cotton co. Chester, Esq., John Egerton of Christleton co. Chester, gent., and George Huxley of Brindley co. Chester, gent., of the other part,

Witnesseth that the said Randull Aldersey for the

establishing and assuring of all his manors, messuages, lands &c. to the heirs male of his body and to the heirs male of the body of the persons hereafter mentioned, to the intent the same may remain in his name and blood, the said Randull Aldersey doth covenant and grant to and with the said Edward Cotton &c. that he will within one year next ensuing the date hereof by sufficient assurance in the law convey and assure to the said Edward Cotton, &c., all the manors, messuages, lands &c. now or late the inheritance of the said Randull Aldersey, in Aldersey, Spurstowe, and Acton, co. Chester, or elsewhere within the realm of England, to the following uses, that is to say, To the use of the said Randull Aldersey during his life, and after his decease to the use of Anne now wife of the said Randull Aldersey towards the education and bringing up of all the children of the said Randull Aldersey, until John Aldersey, son and heir apparent of the said Randull, or such other person as at the time of the death of the said Randull shall be his next heir male, shall accomplish the age of 21 years, and then a third part thereof to the use of the said Anne during her life, with remainder of all the said premises to the said John Aldersey and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, charged with the payment of £100 apiece to ffrances Aldersey and Mary Aldersey daughters of the said Randull Aldersey, remainder to Thomas Aldersey, second son of the said Randull Aldersey, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to John Aldersey, brother of the said Randull Aldersey, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to Thomas Aldersey, uncle of the said Randull Aldersey, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of the said Randull Aldersey for ever.

Provided always that it shall be lawful for the said Randull Aldersey by any his deed or writing to alter or determine any of the uses aforesaid.

(Signed) by me Randull Aldersey.

[Plain seal.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of:

George Vernon Thoms Deane John Nodyne Philip Cappur.

61. (1583.) Lease from RANDLE ALDERSEY of Spurstow, gent., to Anne Aldersey, widow, his mother, of four pastures called the Hullenhursts or Hullandes in Spurstow co. Chester, for 40 years.

This Indenture made the 7 June 25 Elizabeth [1583], betwixt Rondull Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., on the one part, and Anne Aldersey of the same town, widow, mother of the said Rondull, on the other part,

Witnesseth that the said Rondull Aldersey hath demised and to farm let to the said Anne Aldersey, four pastures crofts or clausures of land, with the appurtenances, in Spurstowe aforesaid, late in the occupation of John Aldersey, gent., deceased, father of the said Rondull, called the Hullen Hursts or Hullandes, which pastures, amongst other things, the said Rondull hath of the demise of George Spurstowe of Spurstowe aforesaid, Esq., during the lives of him the said Rondull, and John Aldersey the younger and Thomas Aldersey, his sons, and the longest liver of them.

To have and to hold to the said Anne Aldersey and

her assigns for the term of 40 years if she so long live, and the aforesaid term so long continue, Yielding therefor yearly to the said Rondull Aldersey and his assigns 13s. 4d.

(Signed) by me Randull aldersey.

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

Sealed, &c., in the presence of,

(Signed) John Eggerton
Wiffem bebengton
Wiffem Mason, with others.

62. (1583.) Assignment by RANDLE ALDERSEY of Spurstow, gent., to Frances Aldersey, his daughter, of a lease of land in Spurstow co. Chester.

This Indenture, made the 8 June 25 Eliz. [1583] betwixt Rondull Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., on the one part, and ffraunces Aldersey, daughter of the said Rondull, on the other part,

Witnesseth that whereas George Spurstowe of Spurstowe aforesaid, Esq., by his deed bearing date the 12th Feb. 20 Eliz. [1577-8], did demise and to farm let to the said Rondull Aldersey (by the name of Rondulph Aldersey of Cholmundley in the county aforesaid, gent.) all those two pastures with the appurtenances, in Spurstowe aforesaid, commonly called Golbornes Crofts, late in the holding of Elenor Spurstowe, widow, mother of the said George Spurstowe, (except one acre of land lying in one of the said pastures being of the inheritance of Hugh Dodde), To have and to hold to the said Rondull Aldersey during the lives of the said Rondull, John Aldersey his son, and the said ffrances Aldersey, and the life of the longest liver of them,

Now the said Rondull Aldersey for the fatherly love and affection that he beareth to the said ffrances Aldersey hath assigned and set over to the said ffrances all the said pastures (except as aforesaid) for the term of 80 years if the aforesaid term so long continue, paying the rents and services due for the said premises.

(Signed) by me Randull Aldersey.

[Seal of red wax bearing the letters R. A.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of

(Signed) John Egerton

Wyllem bebengton

Wiffem Mason with others.

Endorsed on the back:

Memorandum that the 13 May, 33 Elizabeth [1591], full possession was delivered to the within named ffrances Aldersey by the within mentioned Randull Aldersey, in the presence of

(Signed) John Egerton
hugh Dod
John Glouer.
Robert Loe with others.

63. (1588.) Lease from RANDLE ALDERSEY of Spurstow, gentleman, of lands in Great Aldersey co. Chester, to trustees in trust for his daughters Frances and Mary Aldersey.

This Indenture, made the 12 Sept. 30 Elizabeth [1588] between Randulphe Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent., of the one part, and John Egerton of Christleton co. Chester, gent., and William Bebyngton of Chorley co. Chester, yeoman, of the other part, Witnesseth that whereas the said Randulph Aldersey being visited with sickness and weakness which it pleaseth God to lay

upon him, and being mindful of the preferment of ffrances and Mary Aldersey his natural daughters, and reposing special trust and confidence in the said John Egerton and William Bebyngton, his brethren-in-law, hath demised and to farm let to the said John Egerton and William Bebyngton his pastures and parcels of land hereafter mentioned lying in Great Aldersey in the same county of Chester, viz., one pasture called the Higher Owfenlays, one meadow called Potts Moore, one close called the Midlefeild now in the occupation of Rauff Dale, one close called the Lower Owfenlayes in the occupation of James Mottershedd, one close called the Wood in the occupation of Richard Hardynge, one meadowe called the Sparte, one close called the Gorstyfeild in the occupation of William Mannynge, two crofts called the Yords, and one meadow adjoining to them in the occupation of the said James Mottershead and Hugh Banbury, To have and to hold to the said John Egerton and William Bebyngton and their assigns, until the full end of 12 years, to receive the issues and profits of the said premises for the use of the said ffrances and Mary equally between them in such manner as shall be thought most convenient to the said John Egerton and William Bebyngton or the survivor of them, so that the said ffrances and Mary be ordered, governed, and placed in marriage with the consent and good liking of the said John Egerton and William Bebyngton, and also honestly rule and behave themselves, &c.

(Signed) by me Randull Aldersey.

[Seal gone.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of, (Signed) John Glouer
Thomas Dod
Raphe Mottra.

64. (1596.) Assignment by Frances Aldersey, daughter of Randle Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to John Aldersey, her brother, of Golburnes Crofts in Spurstow co. Chester.

This Indenture, made the last day of April 38 Elizabeth [1596] between ffraunces Aldersey, daughter of Rondulph Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent., of the one part, and John Aldersey, son and heir of the said Rondulph and brother of the said ffraunces, of the other part, Witnesseth that the said ffraunces hath granted and assigned over to the said John Aldersey all those two crofts or pastures of land called Golburnes Crofts lying in Spurstow aforesaid, and all her right and title therein, together with one indenture of assignment dated 7 June 25 Eliz. [1583] made by the said Rondulph Aldersey to the said ffraunces.

(Signed) ffraunces Alldersay.

[Seal gone.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of, (Signed) Randull Aldersey

X Robert Lowe

E Richard Smith.

65. (1596.) Agreement made previous to the marriage of WILLIAM ALLEN of Brynley co. Chester, gent., and Frances Aldersey, daughter of Randle Aldersey of Spurstow, gent.

This Indenture, made the 2 May 38 Elizabeth [1596] between William Allen of Brynley co. Chester, gent.,

of the one part, and Rondulph Aldersey of Spurstow in the county aforesaid, gent., of the other part,

Witnesseth that in consideration of a marriage to be had and solemnized between the said William Allen and ffrances Aldersey, daughter of the said Rondulph Aldersey, it is agreed between the said parties in manner following, that is to say, the said William Allen doth covenant and promise that he, before the feast of Pentecost next coming, shall at his own proper costs make or cause to be made to Thomas Wilbram of Woodhay, co. Chester, Esq., and Thomas Aldersey of the city of London, haberdasher, a good and sufficient estate in the law in fee simple of all his messuages, lands, &c., in Brynley, Haghton, ffadiley, Burland, and Rydley co. Chester, or elsewhere in the said county, to the following uses, that is to wit, the whole of the said premises to the use of the said William Allen until the said marriage shall be solemnized, and after the solemnization of the said marriage the said Thomas Wilbram and Thomas Aldersey and their heirs shall stand seised of all that messuage or mansion house called the Harrehowse in Brynley aforesaid, and the orchard and Green adjoining thereto, one croft in Brynley aforesaid lying before the door of the same messuage, one other croft in Brynley aforesaid called the Orchard Croft, one croft or close in Brynley aforesaid called the Black Aspes, and one other close in Brynley aforesaid called the Hobbockfeild, and one other close in Brynley aforesaid called the Oxhay, and one other field or close in Brynley aforesaid called Tutchey feilde, and one other close or croft in Brynley aforesaid called Bettileys Croft, and one other close or field in Brynley aforesaid called the fferneplecks, and one little meadow in Brynley aforesaid called the Little Meadow, and one other croft in Brynley aforesaid

called the Sprynge Croft, and one other field in Brynley aforesaid called the Wheatfield, and one other close or field in Brynley aforesaid called the Peazecroft, and one other meadow in Brynley aforesaid called the Breary Meadow, and one other close in Brynley aforesaid called the Quyetoxe, with a little parcel of ground thereto adjoining called the Little Reede, and one other croft in Brynley aforesaid called the Stubfouldes, and one other meadow in Brynley aforesaid called the Round Medowe, and two crofts or closes in Brynley aforesaid called the Gorstie Crofts near the Asshehowse, and one field or close in Burland called the Cabbockfeilde, and all those parts which the said William hath in certain parcels of ground in Brynley aforesaid called the Grenesiche and the Black Croft, being parcel of the premises whereof the said estate is to be made as aforesaid, To the use of the said ffrances Aldersey for the term of her life in the name of her jointure and in recompense of her dower, remainder to the said William Allen and his heirs by the said ffrances lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of the said William Allen for ever, And of the residue of the said premises to the use of the said William Allen and his heirs by the said ffrances lawfully begotten, with remainder to the right heirs of the said William Allen for ever.

(Signed) Wyll. Allen.

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Sealed &c. in the presence of,

(Signed) Thomas Wylbram Rauffe Egerton W^m Webbe

John Aldersey
John Cappur.

66. (1599.) Conveyance by Hugh Dod of Chester, gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of messuages, lands, &c., in Spurstow and Hartford co. Chester, in exchange for a messuage, cottages, &c., in Barton, co. Chester.

This Indenture, made the 14 May 41 Elizabeth [1599] between Hugh Dodd of the city of Chester, gent., of the one part, and John Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester., gent., of the other part,

Witnesseth that the said Hugh Dodd, in consideration of the sum of £20 and also in consideration that the said John Aldersey doth hereby convey to the said Hugh Dodd, his heirs and assigns for ever, certain messuages, lands &c., hereinafter mentioned, in Barton, co. Chester, of the annual value of £26, Hath bargained and sold to the said John Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever, all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Spurstow aforesaid now or late in the occupation of one Thomas Dodd or his assigns, and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Spurstowe aforesaid now or late in the holding of one William Masonn, and all those pastures or parcels of land commonly called Chekingreves, Chekingreves Fielde, Brerycroft, Blackeflatt, Marled Fielde, Barnefield, Gorstie Croft, and the Acre alias Dodd's Acre alias Mondaies Acre, lying in Spurstow aforesaid and now or late in the occupation of one Thomas Lyneall, and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Hartford, co. Chester, now or late in the occupation of Ellen Crymes, widow, and Raphe Crymes, or one of them, and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Hartford aforesaid now or late in the occupation of Ales Hulse and Katherin Underwood, widows, or one of them, To have and to hold to the said John Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever.

In consideration whereof the said John Aldersey doth hereby bargain and sell to the said Hugh Dod, his heirs and assigns for ever, all that messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Barton, co. Chester, now or late in the occupation of one Richard Bostock, and all those three cottages with the appurtenances in Barton aforesaid in the several occupations of John Golborne, Thomas Wright, and Elizabeth Crockett, widow, To have and to hold to the said Hugh Dod, his heirs and assigns for ever.

(Signed) by me Hugh Dod.

[Seal of brown wax, not heraldic].

Sealed &c. in the presence of,

(Signed) Thomas Barnston

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Ja. Wylkenson.

67. (1599.) Deed declaring the uses of a Fine to be levied by Hugh Dod and John Aldersey, gentlemen, of lands &c. in Spurstowe, Hartford, and Barton co. Chester.

This Indenture Tripartite, made the 14 Aug. 41 Elizabeth [1599] between Hugh Dod of the city of Chester, gentleman, and Anne his wife, of the first part, John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., and Anne his wife, of the second part, and Thomas Barnestonn of Churtonn, and William Allenn of Brindeley co. Chester, gentlemen, of the third part.

[Recites Indenture dated 14 May 41 Eliz., 1599, No. 66.]

Now this indenture witnesseth that the said Hugh Dod and Anne his wife, and John Aldersey and Anne his wife, covenant and promise that they shall, before the feast day of All Saints next ensuing, levy a Fine of all their messuages, lands &c. in Spurstowe, Harteforde, and Bartonn, co. Chester, by the name of 100 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 6 acres of heath and furze, and 3 acres of land covered with water, with the appurtenances, and that the said Thomas Barnestonn and William Allenn shall be seised of all the said premises to the following uses, that is to say, of all the said premises in Spurstow and Harteforde to the only use of the said John Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever, And of the said premises in Barton aforesaid, to the use of the said Hugh Dod, his heirs and assigns for ever.

(Signed) Hugh Dod.

[Two seals of brown wax, not heraldic.]

Thomas Barnston.

[Seal of red wax, bearing the letters T. B.]

Wyth: Allen.

[Seal of brown wax, armorial, illegible.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of,
(Signed) Randull Aldersey
Thomas Dod
Raphe Mottrã.

67A. (1599.) Will of Anne Aldersey of Spurstow, co. Chester, widow.

"In the Name of god Amen The Last daye of June in the one and fortythe yeare of the raigne of or most gratious Queene Elizabeth Ao dñi 1599. I Anne Aldersey of Spurstowe in the Countie of Chester wydowe beinge weake in bodie, but of pfect memory (I praise God) doe make my last will and Testam^t in Mann and forme followinge,

ffirst I comitt my Soule to allmightie god my Creator wth an assured fayth that by the death and passion of my savior Jesus Christ I shalbe made ptaker of the kingdome of heaven, and my bodie to be buryed in the Church-yarde at Bumbury when yt shall please god to appointe the tyme.

Item I geve and bequeth to my Sone Egertons daughters Elizabeth and Allice, and to my Cosyn [granddaughter] Rebecka Moulson euye of them one Cowe weh nowe are at my said sone Egertons howse. Item I geve vnto my Cosyn [? grand-daughter] ffraunces Allen my best Cowe at her Choice, the seconde to my Cosyn [grand-daughter] Katheryne Cotten, the third to my Cosyn [grand-daughter] Katheryn Babington, and the forthe to my Cosyn [? grand-daughter] Margarett Kenryck, wch fower Kyne nowe are at my Nephewe [grandson] John Alderseys howse and in his possession at Spurstowe. Item I further geve vnto my said Cosin [grand-daughter] Katheryn one ffeather Bedd, one Boulster, one Pyllowe and towe Couletts pte of the Bedd wherein I vse to lye. Item I geve and beqethe to my sone Rondle Aldersey my best Brasse Pott, one ould thine Pane, and one Coffer weh did stande vsually in the Kytchen. Item I geve to my nephewe [grandson] John Aldersey my best sylv Spoone. Item to my Cosyn [grandson] John Moulsone my seconde sylv Spoone my seconde Brasse Pott and a Little Pañe. Item I geve to my Mayde ijs and to evie other of the servants in my Nephewe [grandson] John Alderseys howse xijd. Item I geve to my Cosyns [grand-daughters] Ellyn and Allyce Cotten eyther of them one sylver Spoone.

Item my wyll ys that the resydue of my money not bequeathed (yf anie remayne after my funerall discharged) shalbe bestowed amongst the poore at the discrecon of my sone Rondle Aldersey. And the remaynder of my howsehould stuffe my desier [is] shalbe equally divided amongst my three daughters.

ffynally I ordeyne and make my Cosyn [grandson by marriage] Wiffm Allen my Executo^r and my said sone Rondle overseer of this my last wyll and Testam^t to see yt executed and discharged accordinge to the truste reposed in them. In wyttnesse whereof I have herevnto putt my hande and Seale the daye and yeare aboue wrytten.

Sealed and delived in the psence of vs whose names are subscribed.

(Signed) Randull Aldersey.

John Aldersey."

Proved before W. Lingard, Dean of Nantwich, 4 Aug. 1599, and administration granted to the executor.

[This will is not to be found at Chester. See Aldersey Papers, Miscel. Bundle A, No. 16.]

68. (1599.) Fine between Thomas Barneston and William Allen, plaintiffs, and Hugh Dod and John Aldersey, deforceants, of messuages, lands &c. in Spurstow, Hartford, and Barton.

(Latin.) This is the final agreement made in the Court of the Lady the Queen at Chester on Monday the 1st Oct. 41 Eliz. [1599], before Richard Shuttleworthe, knight, Justice of the said Lady the Queen at Chester, and Henry Touneshend, Esq., another Justice of the said Lady the Queen for the County of Chester, and other faithful people of the said Lady the Queen then there present, between Thomas Barneston and William Allen, gentlemen, plaintiffs, and Hugh Dod, gent., and Ann his wife, and John Aldersey, gent., and Ann his wife, deforceants, of 6 messuages, 3 cottages, 9 gardens, 200 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 20 acres of wood, 6 acres of heath and bruery, and 3 acres of land covered with water, with the appurtenances in Spurstowe, Harteford, and Barton, whereby the said Hugh Dod and Ann his wife, and John Aldersey and Ann his wife, acknowledge the tenements aforesaid, with their appurtenances, to be the right of the said Thomas Barneston as those which the said Thomas Barneston and William Allen had of the gift of the said Hugh Dod, &c.

And for this acknowledgment, fine, and agreement, the said Thomas and William have given to the aforesaid Hugh and Ann, John and Ann, £200 of silver.

69. (1610.) Counterpart Lease from John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to Hugh Aldersey of Great Aldersey, yeoman, of a messuage &c. in Great Aldersey co. Chester, for three lives.

This Indenture made the 1st May 8 James [1610] between John Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent., of the one part, and Hugh Aldersey of Great Aldersey in the said county, yeoman, of the other part.

Lease, in consideration of £30, to the said Hugh Aldersey of all that messuage in Great Aldersey aforesaid wherein the said Hugh now dwells, and two closes or crofts of land lying on the backside of the said messuage, called the Great Wood, for the lives of the said Hugh, Elizabeth his wife, and Anne his daughter, at the yearly rent of 20s.

(Signed) hughe alldersay.

[Seal gone.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of (Signed) Richarde Roe
John Moulson
Robert Alldersey.

70. (1610-11.) Conveyance by John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to John Marcer of Acton, husbandman, of a messuage &c. in Acton co. Chester.

This Indenture made the 28 January 8 James [1610-11] between John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., on the one part, and John Marcer of Acton co. Chester, husbandman, on the other part.

Conveyance, in consideration of the sum of 200

marks, to the said John Marcer and his heirs of all that messuage and tenement with the appurtenances in Acton aforesaid wherein the said John Marcer now dwells.

[There is mention of a lease of the same premises made by Randulph Aldersey, father of the said John Aldersey, to the said John Marcer and Anne his wife for their lives.]

(Signed) X

[Seal broken.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of
(Signed) John Moulson
William Vernon
Lawrence Woodfen
Roger Woodward
Rich. Bancrofte.

71. (1618-19.) Conveyance from Hugh Calveley of Aldersey, gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, co. Chester, gent., of lands in Aldersey co. Chester.

This Indenture made the 1st March 1618[19] between Hugh Calveley of Aldersey, co. Chester, gent., of the one part, and John Aldersey of Spurstowe, co. Chester, gent., of the other part.

Conveyance, in consideration of the sum of £26, to the said John Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever, of all that parcel of land with the appurtenances called the Gorstie Croft in Aldersey aforesaid, now in the holding of Hugh Davie, and also one parcel of meadow ground called Little Potts Moore in Aldersey aforesaid, now in the tenure of the said Hugh Calveley or his assigns.

[There is mention of a lease of the Gorstie Croft made by the said Hugh Calveley to the said Hugh Davie, for the term of 8 years from 2 Feb. last past.]

(Signed) Hugh Cavlueley.

[Plain seal of red wax.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of
(Signed) william mynshull
Thomas Aldersey
John Moulson
John Dalle
Thomas Cappur
Hughe Aldersay.

72. (1618-19.) (Latin and English.) Bond dated 1st March 1618[19] from Hugh Calveley and George Calveley, his son and heir apparent, to John Aldersey, in £50, to perform covenants.

(Signed) Hugh Cavluely.

Witnesses:

(Signed) William mynshull
John Moulson
Thomas Cappur
Thomas Aldersey.

73. (1629.) Letters Patent from King Charles I. granting to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., the office of Escheator for the county of Chester.

(Latin.) Charles, by the grace of God King of England &c., to all to whom these present letters shall come, greeting. Whereas by letters patent our illustrious

father Lord James, late King of England, under the great seal of England, bearing date at Westminster the 23 April in the 3rd year of his reign [1605], did give and grant to Henry Manwaringe, Esq., and Hugh Manwaringe, son of the said Henry, and the survivor of them, the office of Escheator for the county of Chester, with all the fees to the said office belonging, To have and to hold to the said Henry and Hugh during their lives and the life of the survivor of them, in as ample manner as John Nuthall, Esq., or Hugh Cholmeley, knight, or any other formerly held the said office, The which Henry Manwaring Esq. is now deceased, and the said Hugh Manwaring survives and is in full life,

Be it known that we for divers good causes and considerations and of our special grace have given, granted, and by these presents do give and grant to our welbeloved Thomas Aldersey, Esq., the said office of Escheator with the fees thereto belonging, To have and to hold to the said Thomas Aldersey, from and immediately after the death of the said Hugh Manwaring, during his life. Witness me myself at Westminster the 2nd May in the 5th year of our reign [1629].

[The Great Seal, perfect, still attached.]

74. (1633.) Settlement after the marriage of Thomas Aldersey, gent., son and heir apparent of John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., and Elizabeth, one of the daughters of John Robotham of Newland, Esq.

This Indenture tripartite, made the 1st Oct. 9 Charles [1633] between John Aldersay of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., on the first part, John Robotham of

Newelane co. Herteford, Esq., on the second part, and Robert Robotham the elder, of Skipton Castle, co. York, gent., Robert Robotham the younger, son and heir apparent of the said John Robotham, Richard Egerton of Christleton co. Chester, gent., and John Pitchford of Leigh co. Salop, gent., on the third part.

Witnesseth that in consideration of a marriage heretofore had between Thomas Aldersay, gent., son and heir apparent of the said John Aldersay, and Elizabeth now his wife, one of the daughters of the said John Robothom, and of £1000 paid to the said John Aldersay and Thomas Aldersay by the said John Robothom for the preferment of the said Elizabeth in marriage, and for the conveyance of jointures for Anne, now wife of the said John Aldersay, and for the said Elizabeth, and for the settling of the manors, messuages, lands, &c., hereinafter mentioned, it is covenanted and agreed between the said parties that the said John Aldersay shall before the feast day of the Apostles SS. Philip and James [May 1] next ensuing the date hereof levy a Fine of all that the Manor of Greate Aldersay, with the appurtenances, and all his messuages, lands, &c., in Greate Aldersay, Spurstowe, Bunbury, or elsewhere in the county of Chester, to the following uses, that is to wit:

As concerning all that capital messuage or mansion house in Spurstowe aforesaid wherein the said John Aldersay doth now dwell, and all the lands &c. thereto belonging (being no parcels of the messuages, lands &c. heretofore purchased by the said John Aldersay of Hugh Dod, gentleman, deceased), to the use of the said John Aldersay during his life, and after his death to the use of Anne, now wife of the said John Aldersay, during her life in the name of her dower, and after the death

of the survivor of the said John Aldersay and Anne his wife, to the use of the said Thomas Aldersay and his heirs male by the said Elizabeth his wife, remainder to the heirs male of the said Thomas Aldersay, remainder to John Aldersay, younger son of the said John Aldersay party to these presents, and his heirs male, remainder to the heirs male of the said John Aldersay the father, remainder to the right heirs of the said Thomas Aldersay for ever.

And as concerning all that messuage and barn in Bunbury aforesaid heretofore erected by the said John Aldersay the father in certain grounds called Bryds Fields, and all those meadows, pastures, &c., in Bunbury aforesaid commonly called Bryds Fields, containing by estimation 93 acres of land, of the clear yearly value of £45, and now in the possession of the said John Aldersay the father; and all that other messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Bunbury aforesaid now in the occupation of William Hilton, and of the clear yearly value of £20; and all those messuages or tenements with their appurtenances in Spurstowe aforesaid, whereof one is called Chickengreaves, and the other is now in the occupation of Margaret Dod, widow, and all other the lands, &c., of the said John Aldersay the father in Spurstowe aforesaid at any time heretofore purchased of the said Hugh Dod, and in the whole esteemed to be of the clear yearly value of £25; and all those rents and services severally reserved upon certain leases heretofore made by the said John Aldersay the father to Hugh Aldersay, John Dale, and Thomas Mottershead, of three several messuages and the lands therewith occupied in Aldersay aforesaid, and the reversion of the last mentioned premises, esteemed in the whole to be of the clear yearly value of £20, To the use of the said Thomas Aldersay during his life, and after his death to the use of the said Elizabeth his wife, for her life, in the name of her dower, remainder to the heirs male of the said Thomas Aldersay by the said Elizabeth his wife, remainder to the heirs male of the said Thomas Aldersay, remainder to the said John Aldersay the son and his heirs male, remainder to the heirs male of the said John Aldersay the father, remainder to the right heirs of the said Thomas Aldersay for ever.

And as concerning all those closes or parcels of ground in Middle Aldersay co. Chester, which the said John Aldersay the father heretofore purchased of Robert Aldersay, gent., to the use of the said John Aldersay the father, his heirs and assigns for ever.

And as concerning all the residue of the aforesaid premises, to the use of the said John Aldersay the father, during his life, remainder to the said Thomas Aldersay and his heirs male by the said Elizabeth his wife, with remainders over as before.

The said manor, messuages, lands, &c., to stand charged with £1000 for the daughter or daughters of the said Thomas Aldersay by the said Elizabeth his wife, in case he shall leave no issue male by her.

(Signed) John Robotham

[Armorial seal, quarterly, Alteribus and Malbank.]

Ro. Robotham

[Armorial seal, Robotham.]

Ro. Robotham

[Armorial seal, (?) crest.]

Richard Egerton

[Armorial seal, Egerton.]

The Family of Aldersey.

Sealed, &c., by the said John Robotham in the presence of

(Signed) Willi: Haughton
William Robotham
Jo: Strongitharme 634.

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Sealed, &c., by the said Robert Robotham the younger in the presence of

(Signed) ffrancis X Pitchford John Pitchford.

Sealed, &c., by the said Richard Egerton in the presence of

(Signed) Sam: Torshel
Tho: Edwardes 1633
Mathew Trevis.

75. (1641.) Conveyance by John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to Thomas Mottershead of Aldersey, yeoman, of closes of land in Middle Aldersey, co. Chester.

Indenture made the 1st Dec. 17 Charles, 1641, between John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., on the one part, and Thomas Mottershead of Aldersey co. Chester, yeoman, on the other part.

Conveyance, in consideration of £200, by the said John Aldersey to the said Thomas Mottershead, his heirs and assigns for ever, of all those closes or parcels of ground in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, commonly called the Crofts and the Meadow Field, and now in the several occupations of the said Thomas Mottershead and John Dale of

Aldersey, yeoman, and lately purchased by the said John Aldersey of Robert Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, aforesaid, gent., yielding and paying to the said John Aldersey his heirs and assigns, the yearly rent of 5d.

John Williamson, gent., and Hugh Higginson, yeoman, are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

(Signed) John Aldersey.

[Seal gone.]

Witnesses:

(Signed) Jo. Williamson.

The mke of 5 John Case
Will. Milton.

- 76. Counterpart of deed No. 75.
- 77. (1665.) Fine between RALPH WILBRAHAM, Esq., and others, plaintiffs, and Thomas Aldersey, Esq., and others, deforceants, of the Manor of Aldersey, &c.

(Latin.) This is the final agreement made in the Court of the Lord the King at Chester in the Common Hall of Pleas, on Monday the 1st May 17 Charles II. [1665], before Job Charlton, knight, Serjeant at Law, justice of the said Lord the King at Chester, and Robert Milward, Esq., another justice of the said Lord the King for the county aforesaid, and other faithful people of the said Lord the King then there present, Between Ralph Wilbraham, Esq., Robert Rowbothom, Esq., Robert Rowbothom, junior, Esq., and Robert Roe, plaintiffs, and Thomas Aldersey, Esq., Elizabeth his wife, and Thomas Aldersey, junior, Esq., deforceants, of the manor

of Aldersey, and 13 messuages, 3 cottages, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 10 barns, 150 acres of land, 50 acres of meadow, 150 acres of pasture, 10 acres of wood, and common of pasture and common of turbary, with the appurtenances, in Spurstow, Bunbury, and Aldersey, whereby the said Thomas Aldersey, &c., acknowledge the said premises to be the right of the said Ralph Wilbraham, &c., as those which they had of the gift of the said Thomas Aldersey, &c.

78. (1684.) Probate of the nuncupative will of Mary Travers, spinster, daughter of John Travers, late of Horton co. Chester, gent.

Memorandum that the 4 Sept., 1783, Mary Travers, spinster, daughter of John Travers, late of Horton co. Chester, gentleman, did in the presence of those whose names are underwritten declare her last will and mind to be, That whereas the sum of £400 is charged upon the lands in Horton aforesaid for the portion of her the said Mary, and part thereof is already raised, she the said Mary did declare that it was her mind and purpose to dispose of £150 parcel of the said £400 in manner following, that is to say, that her four aunts Elizabeth Aldersey, Anne Aldersey, Mary Aldersey, and Martha Aldersey, spinsters, should have £20 apiece, and her cozens Henry Travers and Thomas Travers, both of Chester, f_{ij} to apiece, and her five cozens the sons and daughters of her uncle Thomas Aldersey, Esq., 20s. apiece, and her four cozens the daughters of her cozen[s] Robert Aldersey and William Aldersey, both of London, gent., 20s. apiece, That all her uncles and aunts should have rings, and that her mother Rebecca Travers,

widow, should have a ring of double the value of the former, and that her grandmother Aldersey should have a ring of like value with her mother's, That there should be a Dole dealt to the poor of about £3, And all the rest of the said £400 her will was that her brother John Travers, gent., if he lived to attain the age of 21 years, should have the whole advantage of it, but if he died before the said age, that the same be divided between her said four aunt Alderseys. And she appointed her said uncle Thomas Aldersey to be her sole executor and to see her decently buried.

Witnesses,

Anne Edwardes George Huxley John Aldersey.

Proved at Chester the 9 April, 1684, by the executor, before the Commissary of the Archbishop of York.

This will is not to be found at Chester.

79. (1693.) Deed by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Robert Aldersey, his son and heir apparent, to suffer a recovery of two messuages, lands, &c., in Aldersey co. Chester.

This indenture tripartite, made the 15 May, 1693, between Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., of the first part, Robert Aldersey of Grayes Inne co. Middlesex, gent., son and heir apparent of the said Thomas Aldersey, of the second part, and John Kendrick of the city of Chester, gent., and John Norbury of the said city of Chester, gent., of the third part.

Deed to suffer a Recovery of all that messuage

and tenement with the appurtenances of the said Thomas Aldersey in Aldersey co. Chester, sometime heretofore in the occupation of Thomas Pulford, deceased, and now in tenure of one Samuel Tonna; and all that other messuage and tenement with the appurtenances of him the said Thomas Aldersey in Aldersey aforesaid, heretofore in the occupation of John Smith deceased, and now in the occupation of the said Thomas Aldersey, by the name of two messuages, two gardens, 40 acres of land, 15 acres of meadow, 30 acres of heath and furze, and common of pasture, in Aldersey co. Chester, To the use of the said Thomas Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever.

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(Signed) Thomas Aldersey

[Armorial seal, Aldersey (bend not engrailed).]

Rob<sup>t</sup>. Aldersey

[Armorial seal (the same).]

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Kendrick

[Armorial seal, a crest.]

Jo<sup>n</sup>. Norbury.

[Armorial seal, Norbury.]
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Sealed &c. in the presence of (Signed) Samuell Payne Joseph Bassnett.

80, 81. Duplicates of deed No. 79.

82. (1698.) Settlement after the marriage of Robert Aldersey, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Jane Webb, eldest daughter of Thomas Webb of Middlewich, co. Chester, gent.

This Indenture Tripartite, made the 26th March 1698 between Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., and Margaret his wife, and Robert Aldersey son and heir apparent of the said Thomas and Margaret, of the first part, Thomas Webb of Middlewich co. Chester, gent., of the second part, and Thomas Lee, Esq., High Sheriff of the said county of Chester, Sir John Crewe of Utkinton co. Chester, knight, Thomas Delves of Dodington co. Chester, Esq., Joshua Edsbury of Earthigg co. Denbigh, Esq., Nathaniel Lee son and heir apparent of the said Thomas Lee, Thomas Huxley of Brindley co. Chester, gent., and John Lee of the city of Chester, gent., younger son of the said Thomas Lee, of the third part,

Witnesseth that the said Thomas Aldersey and Margaret his wife in consideration of the natural love and affection which they have and bear to the said Robert Aldersey their eldest son and heir apparent, and of a marriage already had and solemnized between the said Robert Aldersey and Jane Webb, eldest daughter of the said Thomas Webb, and for the performance of certain Articles of Agreement bearing date the 6th January last past, entered into before the solemnization of the said marriage between the said Thomas Aldersey and the said Thomas Webb, and for the payment of £2100 by the said Thomas Webb to the said Thomas Aldersey as the marriage portion of the said Jane, and for the

settling of the lands, &c., of the said Thomas Aldersey upon the said Robert Aldersey and Jane as in the said Articles agreed upon, the said Thomas Aldersey and Robert Aldersey covenant and promise to levy a Fine of all that the Manor of Aldersey, and all their messuages, lands, &c., in Aldersey, Spurstow, and Bunbury, or elsewhere in the said county of Chester, to the uses hereinafter mentioned, that is to say,

As concerning all that capital messuage or tenement with the appurtenances commonly called Aldersey Hall now or late in the occupation of Edward Bathoe or his assigns, with all the lands &c. thereto belonging in Aldersey aforesaid alias Middle Aldersey; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Aldersey aforesaid alias Crook Aldersey, now or late in the occupation of Samuel Tonna; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Aldersey aforesaid alias Great Aldersey commonly called John Smith's Tenement, and now or late in the occupation of John Mottershed and Anne Johnson, widow; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called Woodfens Tenement, and now or late in the occupation of the said John Mottershed and Hugh Nichol; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called Manifolds Tenement, and now or late in the occupation of George Leech, To the use of the said Robert Aldersey for his life, and after the decease of the said Robert Aldersey to the use of the said Jane Webb during her life in full satisfaction of her dower.

And as concerning all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Bunbury aforesaid, called Green ffarm and now or late in the occupation of Randle Burroes; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Bunbury aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of John Burroes; and all that messuage or cottage with the appurtenances in Bunbury aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of Lawrence Dutton, To the use of the said Thomas Aldersey during his life, and after the decease of the said Thomas Aldersey, to the use of the said Margaret Aldersey for her life, in full satisfaction of her dower.

And as concerning all that capital messuage or mansion house of the said Thomas Aldersey in Spurstow aforesaid, wherein the said Thomas Aldersey doth now dwell, with all the lands &c. thereto belonging; and also all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Spurstow aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of William Burroes; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey aforesaid, held on lease by John Mottershed from the said Thomas Aldersey, and now in the occupation of the said John Mottershed; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey aforesaid, held on lease by one Thomas Mottershed, from the said Thomas Aldersey, and now or late in the occupation of John Lightfoot undertenant of the said Thomas Mottershed; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Great Aldersey aforesaid held on lease by William Palin from the said Thomas Aldersey, and now or late in the occupation of John Prince undertenant of the said William Palin; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Great Aldersey aforesaid, held on lease by Thomas Palin from the said Thomas Aldersey, and now or late in the occupation of George Bennion his undertenant; and all that messuage or tenement with

the appurtenances in Crooke Aldersey aforesaid, held on lease by John Jones from the said Thomas Aldersey, and in the occupation of Edward Molineux his undertenant; and all that messuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Spurstow aforesaid, held on lease by William Hankinson from the said Thomas Aldersey, and in the occupation of the said William Hankinson; and all that messuage or tenement in Bunbury aforesaid, held on lease by Peter Young from the said Thomas Aldersey, and in the occupation of the said Peter Young and Ellen Dod, widow; and also all other the premises whatsoever whereof no use is hereinbefore limited, To the use of the said Thomas Aldersey during his life.

And as concerning all the said premises in Aldersey, Spurstow, and Bunbury aforesaid, after the determination of the estates before limited, To the use of the said Robert Aldersey for his life, remainder to the first and other sons of the said Robert Aldersey by the said Jane successively in tail, remainder to the first and other sons of the said Robert Aldersey successively in tail, remainder to Samuel Aldersey second son of the said Thomas Aldersey for his life, remainder to the first and other sons of the said Samuel Aldersey successively in tail, remainder to John Aldersey third son of the said Thomas Aldersey for his life, remainder to the first and other sons of the said John Aldersey successively in tail, remainder to the heirs of the body of the said Thomas Aldersey, remainder to the right heirs of the said Robert Aldersey for ever.

(Signed) T. Aldersey
[Armorial seal (bend not engrailed).]

Margaret Aldersey

[Armorial seal (same).]

Ro: Aldersey

[Armorial seal (bend engrailed).]

Tho: Webb

Tho: Lee

John Crewe

Thomas Delues

N. Lee

Tho: Huxley.

[Armorial seals.]

Sealed &c. by the said Thomas Aldersey, Margaret Aldersey, Robert Aldersey, Thomas Webb, Thomas Lee, and Nathaniel Lee, in the presence of,

(Signed) Tho. Hall

John Boyer

Michael Briscall.

Sealed &c. by the said Sir John Crewe in the presence of,

(Signed) John Knightley
William Meoles
Sam^{ll}. Hatton
Michael Briscall.

Sealed &c. by the said Thomas Delves in the presence of,

(Signed) Pet: Lancaster

John Walker

Michael Briscall.

Sealed &c. by the said Thomas Huxley in the presence of,

(Signed) Mary Huxley
Eliza. Huxley
Michael Briscall.

82*. (1699.) Copy of the will of Thomas Webb of Middlewich co. Chester, merchant.

[This will is to be found at Chester. See also Aldersey Papers, Miscel. Bundle A, No. 72.]

In the name of God, Amen, the 18th April, 1699. I Thomas Webb of Middlewich co. Chester, merchant. My body to the earth to be decently buried.

First, I devise to my dear wife all my messuages, lands, and hereditaments, for her life, and after her death, as concerning my messuages, lands &c. in Middlewich and Newton, I devise the same to my dear daughter Jane Aldersey and the heirs of her body, remainder to my dear daughter Anne Webb and the heirs of her body, remainder to my own right heirs for ever.

And as concerning my messuages, lands &c. in Warton in Cliue in the said county, after the death of my wife, I devise the same to my said daughter Anne Webb and the heirs of her body, remainder to my said daughter Jane Aldersey and the heirs of her body, remainder to my own right heirs for ever.

I give to my said daughter Anne Webb £1500 when 21 years of age or married, and if she die then I give the said £1500 to my said daughter Jane Aldersey. I give to my dear wife all my term and interest in the saltworks in Newton and all the rest of my personal estate, and I make her, my said wife, and my trusty friend Thomas Wright of South Street in Denbeighshire, gent., my executors. To my faithful servant Grace Poole £20, and to my other servants and to my wallers 3s. apiece, and to my bryne drawers 2s. apiece.

Tho. Webb.

Witnesses—Richard Vernon Ralph Kent Tho. Swinnerton 83. (1700.) Draft conveyance of the Manor of Newland Squillers, near St. Albans co. Hertford, &c., by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Francis Godolphin, Esq., son of the Rt. Hon. Lord Sidney Godolphin, and another.

Indenture made —— 1700, between Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., Samuel Aldersey, clerk, second son of the said Thomas Aldersey, and John Aldersey citizen and haberdasher of London, third son of the said Thomas Aldersey, of the one part, and Francis Godolphin Esq., son of the Rt. Hon. Lord Sidney Godolphin, and Antony Guidott of Lincoln's Inn co. Middlesex, Esq., of the other part.

Conveyance, for £ 1000, to the said Francis Godolphin, &c., of the Manor of Newland alias Newland Squillers near the town of St. Albans, &c., late the inheritance of Robert Robotham late of Newland near St. Albans, Esq., deceased, and which descended to the said Thomas Aldersey as nephew and heir to the said Robert Robotham, that is to say, eldest son and heir of Elizabeth Aldersey deceased, late wife of Thomas Aldersey late of Spurstow, deceased, which said Elizabeth was sole sister and heir of the said Robert Robotham.

84. (1703.) Settlement of the Manor of Rorington co. Salop, &c., after the marriage of Lloyd Edwards of Rorington, Esq., with Mary, only daughter of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq.

Indenture made the 25 Nov., 1703, between Lloyd

Edwards of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and Thomasin Edwards, widow, relict of John Edwards late of Rorington, Esq., deceased (father and mother of the said Lloyd Edwards) of the first part, Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., of the second part, Nathaniel Lee of Darnhall co. Chester, Esq., and Nathaniel Maurice of Trevedrid co. Montgomery, Esq., of the third part, John Griffiths of Glanhaverim co. Montgomery, gent., and Morgan Humphreys of Llanidloes parish co. Montgomery, gent., of the fourth part, and John Bridgeman of Blodwell, co. Salop, Esq. (son and heir apparent of Sir John Bridgeman of Castle Bromwich co. Warwick, Bart.), Robert Aldersey, gent. (son and heir apparent of the said Thomas Aldersey), Samuel Aldersey, clerk (second son of the said Thomas Aldersey) and Thomas Hulse of Middlewich co. Chester, gent., of the fifth part.

In consideration of a marriage already had and solemnized between the said Lloyd Edwards and Mary only daughter of the said Thomas Aldersey, and of £1500 already paid and £300 secured to be paid, as the marriage portion of the said Mary, the said Lloyd Edward settles all the Manor of Rorington co. Salop, and all his messuages, lands, &c., in Rorington, Priest-Weston, Wilmington, and in the town of Salop, co. Salop, and the mansion house called Maesmawr House in Llanerochvell co. Montgomery, and all other his messuages, lands, &c., in the county of Montgomery.

85. (1703-4.) Lease for six months of messuages &c. in Leigh alias Little Lee near Dutton and in Aldersey co. Chester, from Samuel Aldersey, clerk, to John Bridgeman of Blodwell co. Salop, Esq., and others.

Indenture made the 6th Jan. 1703-4, between Samuel Aldersey, clerk, younger son of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, Esq., on the one part, and John Bridgeman of Blodwell co. Salop, Esq., Lloyd Edwards of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and Thomas Hulse of Middlewich co. Chester, gent., on the other part.

Lease for six months to the said John Bridgeman, Lloyd Edwards, and Thomas Hulse, of all that messuage or tenement in Leigh alias Little Lee near Dutton co. Chester, called the Hole House, heretofore in the occupation of Isaac Basnett, gent., and all that messuage or tenement in Aldersey co. Chester now or late in the occupation of Samuel Passnage.

(Signed) Samft. Aldersey.

Witnesses, [Armorial seal (bend engrailed).]

(Signed) Nath: Kynaston Peter Edwards Samlt Cole.

86. (1703-4.) Deed to declare the uses of a Fine of messuages &c. in Middlewich and Newton near Middlewich co. Chester, by Robert Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and Jane (Webb) his wife.

Indenture made the 20 Jan. 1703[-4], between

Robert Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and Jane his wife (one of the two daughters and coheirs of Thomas Webb late of Middlewich co. Chester, merchant, deceased), of the first part, John Parker of Fallowes in the said county, gent., and Thomas Hulse of Clive in the said county, gent., of the second part, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow in the said county, Esq., and Nathaniel Lee of Dernhall, in the said county, gent., of the third part.

Deed to declare the uses of a Fine levied at Chester by the said Robert Aldersey and Jane his wife, of a messuage or burgage in Middlewich co. Chester, called the Beare Inn, in the occupation of Charles Cooke, and all that messuage in Newton near Middlewich aforesaid in the occupation of Thomas Hodgkinson, with all the appurtenances, that is to say, To the use of the said Robert Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever.

(Signed) Ro: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, quarterly, Aldersey

(bend not engrailed) and Robotham.]

Jane Aldersey.
[Armorial seal.]
Jo: Parker.

Witnesses,

(Signed) Wm. Watts.

Tho: Lowe.

Robt. Weaver.

87. (1706.) Lease for six months of lands in Aldersey co. Chester, from Lloyd Edwards of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and John Mottershed of Aldersey, yeoman, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq.

Indenture made the 20 Sept. 1706, between Lloyd Edwards of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and John Mottershed of Aldersey co. Chester, yeoman, on the one part, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., on the other part.

Lease for six months to the said Thomas Aldersey, of all those three closes or parcels of land called the Crofts and the Meadow Field adjoining to a certain messuage in Aldersey aforesaid alias Middle Aldersey called Aldersey Hall, now or late in the occupation of Henry Morgan, and that other close in Aldersey aforesaid alias Great Aldersey, commonly called the higher Hey alias Hutchins Hey (sometime of the inheritance of George Hutchins and Antony Hutchins) and now in the holding of the said John Mottershed.

(Signed) Lloyd Edwards.

John Mottershed.

[Two seals, one armorial.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Edward Daxon, cleric.
Joseph Bassnett.
Aron Poyton.
Mary Lightboun.
Pe: Younge.

88. Duplicate of Deed No. 87.

89. (1706.) Release of lands in Aldersey co. Chester from Lloyd Edwards of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and Mary his wife, and John Mottershed of Aldersey, yeoman, and Prudence his wife, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq.

Indenture made the 21 Sept. 1706, between Lloyd Edwards of Rorington of Salop, Esq., and Mary his wife, and John Mottershed of Aldersey co. Chester, yeoman, and Prudence his wife, on the one part, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., on the other part.

Release to the said Thomas Aldersey in fee simple of the premises mentioned in lease dated 20 Sept. 1706 (No. 87), subject however to a mortgage of the same premises dated 26 Nov. 4 William and Mary [1692], by the said John Mottershed to Thomas Lee of Darnhall co. Chester, Esq., and others, originally for £200, and by them transferred to Mary Aldersey, now wife of the said Lloyd Edwards, by deed dated 27 March 1 Anne [1702], as security for £300.

(Signed) Lloyd Edwards.

[Armorial seal.]

Mary Edwards.

[Armorial seal.]

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Witnesses,

Prudence PM Mottershed.

(Signed) Edward Daxon, cleric.

Joseph Bassnett.

John Lewis.

Pe: Younge.

90. Duplicate of Deed No. 89.

90*. (1706-7.) Appointment by the Rt. Hon. Hugh, Earl of Cholmondeley, of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, M.A., to be one of his Domestic Chaplains.

(Latin.) To all the faithful people of Christ to whom these present letters shall come the Right Hon. Hugh, Earl of Cholmondeley, Viscount Malpas, &c., sends greeting in the Lord everlasting.

Be it known that I have appointed my wellbeloved in Christ Samuel Aldersey, clerk, M.A., to be one of my Domestic Chaplains.

Dated 18 Jan. 1736[-7].

(Signed) Cholmondeley. [Armorial seal.]

91. (1706-7.) Mortgage of the manor of Aldersey and messuages, lands, &c., in Aldersey, Spurstow, and Bunbury, co. Chester, to John Parker of Fallowes in Nether Alderley co. Chester, gent.

Indenture made the 19 March 1706[-7], between Nathaniel Lee of Dernall co. Chester, Esq. (who hath survived Thomas Huxley late of Brindley co. Chester, gentleman, deceased), of the first part, Robert Aldersey of Middlewich co. Chester, gent. (son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq.), of the second part, and John Parker of Fallowes in Nether Alderley co. Chester, gent., of the third part.

Recites indenture dated 26 March 1698 (No. 82), and in part pursuance of the trusts of a term of 79 years thereby limited the manor of Aldersey and messuages, lands, &c., in Aldersey Spurstow and Bunbury, co. Chester, are assigned by the said Nathaniel Lee at the request of the said Robert Aldersey to the said John Parker for the said term of 79 years from the respective deaths of the said Thomas Aldersey and Margaret his wife, the said Robert Aldersey without issue and Jane his wife, by way of mortgage to secure £500.

(Signed) N. Lee.

Ro: Aldersey.

[Seals cut off.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Wm. Watts.
Rob: Weever.

92. Counterpart of deed No. 91.

(Signed) Jo: Parker. [Seal, a crest.]

93. (1707.) Release of lands in Aldersey co. Chester, from LLOYD EDWARDS of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and Mary his wife, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, co. Chester, Esq.

Indenture made the 25 March 1707, between Lloyd Edwards of Rorington co. Salop, Esq., and Mary his wife, on the one part, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., on the other part.

Release to the said Thomas Aldersey in fee of the

premises mentioned in deeds dated 20 and 21 Sept. 1706 (Nos. 87 and 89) from the mortgage of 26 Nov. 1692 and transfer and further charge of 27 March 1702 referred to in the Release of 21 Sept. 1706 (No. 89).

(Signed) Lloyd Edwards.

Mary Edwards.

[Armorial seals.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Eliz. Edwards.

Eliz: Aldersey.

Aron Poynton.

With WE Brown.

his mark.

94. (1707.) Fine levied 8 Sept. 6 Anne [1707] between Thomas Aldersey, Esq., plaintiff, and Lloyd Edwards, Esq., and Mary his wife, John Mottershead and Prudence his wife, deforceants, of the same premises, by the description of 12 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 12 acres of pasture, 5 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all beasts in Aldersey, Great Aldersey, and Middle Aldersey co. Chester.

95. (1708-9.) Award by RANDLE WILBRAHAM of Nantwich, Esq., and NATHANIEL LEE of Darnhall, Esq., concerning the manor of Aldersey, co. Chester.

To all to whom this present writing of award indented shall come, Randle Wilbraham of Namptwich co. Chester, Esq., and Nathaniel Lee of Darnhall in the same county, Esq., send greeting.

Whereas suits, controversies, and debates have been heretofore had and raised between Dame Mary Calveley, deceased, relict of Sir Hugh Calveley late of Lea co. Chester, knight, deceased, on the one part, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow in the county aforesaid, Esq., on the other part, touching the mannour of Aldersey in the said county, the said Dame Mary Calveley in her lifetime claiming the same as part of the mannour of Hanley in the said county, and as of the inheritance of the said Sir Hugh Calveley whose estate she had, and the said Thomas Aldersey claiming it as an entire mannour of itself and no way depending on or part of the said mannour of Hanley, and as the inheritance of his ancestors and from them descended to him the said Thomas Aldersey, And whereas since the decease of the said Dame Mary Calveley the said controversies and debates have been renewed or continued between Peter Legh of Lime co. Chester, Esq., as one of the next cozens and heirs of the said Sir Hugh Calveley on the one part, and the said Thomas Aldersey on the other part, And whereas for the friendly ending the controversies and debates they the said Peter Legh and Thomas Aldersey have submitted and compromitted themselves to the award and arbitrament of the said Randle Wilbraham and Nathaniel Lee,

Now know ye that the said Randle Wilbraham and Nathaniel Lee do hereby award as followeth: Whereas it doth appear by very old and later deeds that the said mannour of Aldersey is an entire mannour of itself, and that one moiety thereof hath been the ancient inheritance of the ancestors of the said Thomas Aldersey, and from them is to him descended, and the other moiety thereof hath been the ancient inheritance of the Duttons of Hatton in the said county, and hath been heretofore

purchased by the father of the said Thomas Aldersey from Peter Dutton late of Hatton aforesaid, Esq., and is likewise descended to him the said Thomas Aldersey, They the said Randle Wilbraham and Nathaniel Lee do order award and adjudge the whole and entire mannour of Aldersey aforesaid to the said Thomas Aldersey to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns, as his and their just right and inheritance. And whereas it doth appear that the whole township of Aldersey aforesaid is within the view and jurisdiction of the Court Leet of Hanley and that the inhabitants thereof have done suit and service at the said Court as Court Leet, and likewise that waifs and estrays taken in the said township have been put up to the said Dame Mary Calveley as Lady of the said Leet, We therefore also order judge and award that the Court of the said Peter Legh for his said Leet of Hanley shall for all times hereafter have the same power and jurisdiction within the township of Aldersey that it now hath and heretofore hath had, and that this award shall not impeach the said Peter Legh's title to the inheritance of a certain cottage with its appurtenances in Hanley and Aldersey aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of Widow Marsh or her assigns. And lastly it is awarded that all suits concerning the premises shall cease and be ended.

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Dated 18 March 8 Ann 1708[-9].

(Signed) Randle Wilbraham.

[Armorial seal, quarterly.]
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N. Lee.

[Armorial seal.]

P. Legh.

[Seal, a crest.]

T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal (bend not engrailed).]

Signed &c. by the said Nathaniel Lee and Thomas Aldersey in the presence of,

(Signed) Pe: Younge.
Sam¹; Hatton.
Anthony Venables.

Signed &c. by the said Randle Wilbraham in the presence of,

(Signed) Rog^r. Wilbraham.
Tho: Huxley.
Thomas Moss.

Signed &c. by the said Peter Legh in the presence of, (Signed) Tho: Swettenham.

Tho: Cobham.

Jno. Watt.

95A. (1721.) Will of MARGARET ALDERSEY of Spurstow, widow.

[This will is not to be found at Chester. See Aldersey papers, Miscel. Bundle A, No. 88.]

"In the name of God Amen The twenty Seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred twenty [one] I Margaret Aldersey Widow & Relict of Thomas Aldersey late of Spurstow in the County of Chester Esq. deced, being weak [in] body but of Sound Memory & vnderstanding (Thanks be to [God] who gives 'em) doe make constitute and ordain

Torn here.

this my last Will & Testament in manner & forme following ffirst I humbly recomend my Soul vnto God imploring that he will be pleas'd to accept it to himselfe for the alone alsufficient Merit of Jesus Christ my Redeemer, my body I Comit to the earth to be buried by my Executor herein after named. And as to the disposeing that world[1]y Estate which God hath Given me I dispose of the same in manner following. Imprs. I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Aldersey the sume of twenty pounds. Item I give & bequeath to my Nephew John Lee of Sandbach the Sume of five pounds. Item to my Grandaughter Elizabeth Aldersey the Sume of five pounds. Item I give unto my Grandaughter Mary Edwards the Sume of tenn pounds (which Sume I Some time Since deposited for that purpose in the hands of my Sister Mrs. Mary Basnett Since deced and is now remaineing in the hands of her Ex^{rs}. or Administ^{rs}. or Some of them). Item I Give unto my Sister in law Martha Aldersey and to my Cosen Elizabeth Aldersey each one Guiney. Item I give unto my Cosens Elizabeth Kendrick and Mary Kendrick each one Guiney. Item I Give unto Mr. Low Minister of Bunbury one Guiney. Item'I give unto my Servant Hannah Bickerton the Sume of five pounds. Item I give & bequeath unto the poor of the Township of Spurstow the Sume of tenn pounds the Intrest thereof to be distributed att the discretion of my sonn Robert Aldersey & his Heires. Item I give & bequeath to my Sd. Grandaughter Mary Edwards my Small Silver Tankard and two Silver Porringers, And to my Grandaughter Margaret Edwards my Silver Sugar box. Item I give unto my Grandaughter Margt Aldersey my Silver Item I give unto my Sonn Robert Aldersey my large Silver Tankard. Item I give unto my Grandaughter ffrances Aldersey my Cabinett which now Stands in my Chamber, And to my Grandson Samuel Aldersey Six Silver Spoons. And my will is that all my fine Lynnen which is in the Chest of drawers in the best Chamber, and what is in the Chest of Drawers in my own Chamber, be equally divided amongst my Son Samuel Aldersey's daughters.

"And lastly my debts, and the said Legacys, and my ffunerall Expences (which I desire may not exceed the Sume of Thirty pounds) being first deducted and Satisfied I doe Give and bequeath all the rest of my Personall Estate, that I shall die possest of, or entitled to, unto my Son Robert Aldersey, whom I doe hereby nominate ordain & appoint Sole Executor of this my Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal.

"(Signed) Margret Aldersey. [Seal, the Aldersey crest.]

"Signed Sealed publisht & declared in prence of "(Signed) Rachel Delves.
"Rich: Huxley.

"Môm Nephew Thomas Aldersey is to have the little Black Cabinett in the Closett & Neece Jane Aldersey one Cheste of Drawers in the Chamber."

Endorsed on the back:

"My Grandmother's Will 1721.

S: A."

96. (1721-2.) Lease of the tithes of Peckforton Park alias Peckforton Hills within the manor of Peckforton co. Chester, from Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., and Samuel Aldersey of Wigan co. Lanc., clerk, to Sir Roger Mostyn of Mostyn co. Flint, Bart.

Indenture made the 16 March 1721[-2], between Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., and Samuel Aldersey of Wigan co. Lanc., clerk, of the one part, and Sir Roger Mostyn of Mostyn co. Flint, Bart., of the other part.

Lease to the said Sir Roger Mostyn of all the tithes whatsoever of Peckforton Park alias Peckforton Hills within the manor and lordship of Peckforton co. Chester, for the term of 99 years if the said Robert Aldersey and Samuel Aldersey or either of them should so long live, at the yearly rent of \pounds 1 15s.

[There is mention of a lease, dated 21 June 1656, of the same premises, made by Davy Savage of Beeston co. Chester, Esq., son and heir apparent of Dame Bridget Somersett, widow, the relict of the Hon. Thomas Savage late of Beeston aforesaid, Esq., deceased, to John Rowland son of John Rowland of Peckforton, and others, then expired.]

(Signed) Ro: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, quarterly, Aldersey (bend not engrailed) and Robotham.]

Sam^{ll}. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, Aldersey (bend engrailed).] Witnesses,

(Signed) Ralph Markham.

Roger Richardson. Rich: Huxley.

Sam: Davie. Tho: Eden.

97. (1727.) Settlement of a messuage &c. in Bunbury co. Chester, by Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester Esq., on Jane his wife.

Indenture made the 20 April 1727. Between Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., Samuel Aldersey, clerk (Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., younger brother of the said Robert Aldersey), Thomas Aldersey son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey, and John Aldersey second son of the said Samuel Aldersey, of the one part, and Edward Wright of Stretton co. Chester, Esq., and Samuel Lowe of Bunbury co. Chester, clerk, of the other part.

Recites indenture dated 26 March 1698 (No. 82) and subsequent ejectment by Caldecott Aldersey of Chester, from part of the lands comprised therein. Conveyance by the said Robert Aldersey, Samuel Aldersey, Thomas Aldersey and John Aldersey of a messuage, lands &c. in Bunbury aforesaid (the Green Farm), of the yearly value of £40, heretofore in the possession of Randle Burroes and now in the possession of Abraham Done, to the said Edward Wright and Samuel Lowe for a term of years in trust for Robert Aldersey during his life, and after his death in trust for Jane wife of the said Robert Aldersey during her life for her jointure.

(Signed) Ro: Aldersey.

Saml: Aldersey.

Tho: Aldersey.

John Aldersey.

(13 Nov. 1731) Robt. Aldersey.

(3 Feb. 1735) Saml. Aldersey, junt.

[Six Armorial seals.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Mary Edwards.

Samuel Stubs.

Tho: Rainford.

Daniel Aldersey.

Joseph Ellison.

Jonathan Bramwell, his mark.

Thos. Dutton.

George Owen.

98. (1728.) Appointment by George, Earl of Cholmondeley, of Robert Aldersey, Esq., to be Captain of the Company of Foot for the Hundred of Edisbury co. Chester.

George, Earl of Cholmondeley, Viscount Malpas, Baron of Wichmalbank, Lord Lieutenant of the several counties in North Wales, Lord Lieutenant Custos Rotulorum and Vice Admiral of the County Palatine of Chester, and Lord Lieutenant of the county of the city of Chester, &c.

To Captain Robert Aldersey, Esq. You are hereby constituted and appointed Captain of the Company of Foot for the Hundred of Edisbury co. Chester, whereof Charles Legh, Esq., is Colonel, being part of the Militia of the said county of Chester.

Given the 20 July 1728.

(Signed) Cholmondeley.

[Armorial seal.]

By his lordship's command.

(Signed) W. Walmesley.

99. (1729.) Will of ROBERT ALDERSEY of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq. (cancelled).

In the name of God, Amen, this 16th day of May 1729, I Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., &c.

[Recites Indenture dated 26 March 1698. (No. 82.)]

In pursuance of the power reserved to him by the said indenture he directs and appoints the trustees of the said indenture to raise the sum of f_{s} 2000 and to pay the same as follows: His specialty debts to be discharged thereout, £200 to his dearly beloved nephew Samuel Aldersey, and the remainder thereof equally amongst the younger children of his brother Samuel Aldersey (except his nephew John Aldersey and Robert Aldersey and the said Samuel Aldersey) living at his decease. He devises to his nephew John Aldersey during his life all that his moiety or share of all the messuages, lands &c. late the inheritance of his late cousin Thomas Huxley or his late father (and by them settled upon the testator and his heirs), with remainder to his nephew Samuel Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever. He devises to his dearly beloved wife Jane Aldersey, her heirs and assigns, all his messuages, lands &c. in Middlewich and Newton near Middlewich co. Chester. He devises all his lands in Aldersey now in the holding of John Lewis of Aldersey aforesaid, yeoman, to his said wife Jane during her life, with remainder to his nephew Thomas Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever. After payment of his funeral expenses he gives all the residue of his personal estate to his said wife, and constitutes and appoints her sole executrix.

[Signature and seal cut off.] Witnesses, (Signed) Jos. Ridgway, in Chester, Glover.

Sam'l. Mathews Clerks to Samuel Lunt Mr. Jos. Hall.

100. (1731.) Articles of Agreement made previous to the marriage of Thomas Aldersey, son and heir apparent of Samuel Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., with Mary Hignett, daughter of Cornelius Hignett of the city of Chester, gent.

Articles of Agreement indented, made the 20 May 1731, between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, clerk, and Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., and Thomas Aldersey, son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey, of the one part, and Cornelius Hignett of the city of Chester, gent., of the other part.

- 1. It is agreed that a marriage shall be had and solemnized between the said Thomas Aldersey and Mary Hignett, spinster, daughter of the said Cornelius Hignett.
- 2. The said Cornelius Hignett agrees to pay to the said Samuel Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey or one of them £1500 as the marriage portion of the said Mary.
- 3. The said Samuel Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey agree to settle the manor or lordship of Aldersey co. Chester, and all their messuages, lands &c. in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey alias Crooke Aldersey, Spurstow, and Bunbury, co. Chester, late the inheritance of Robert Aldersey Esq., deceased, late brother of the said Samuel Aldersey, on the said Thomas Aldersey for his life, with remainder to his first and other sons in tail male, with remainders to Robert Aldersey, Samuel Aldersey, Bridgeman Aldersey, and Henry Aldersey, sons of the said Samuel Aldersey party

to these presents, successively, for their respective lives, with remainders to their respective first and other sons in tail male, remainder to the right heirs of the said Samuel Aldersey party to these presents for ever.

The said Mary to have lands of the value of \mathcal{L} 100 per annum during her life for her jointure in case she survive the said Thomas Aldersey having no issue by him, or of the value of \mathcal{L} 80 per annum in case of his leaving issue. \mathcal{L} 1500 is also to be charged for the daughters and younger sons of the marriage.

It is also agreed that the Rectory and Church of Bunbury co. Chester, and the tithes of corn, grass, and hay thereto belonging, within the several townships of Bunbury, Alpraham, Beeston, Tiverton, Calveley, Wardhull, Tilston, Haughton, Spurstow, Peckforton, Burwardsley, and elsewhere in the said parish of Bunbury, held for the remainder of a term of 500 years, shall be assigned to trustees upon trusts to correspond with the uses of the settled estates.

(Signed) Saml. Aldersey.

T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seals (bend engrailed).]

Witnesses,

(Signed) J. Haddon.

Jo: Lancaster.

101. (1731-2.) Tenant's conditional surrender, in order to suffer a Recovery, of messuages, lands &c., in Aldersey, Spurstow, and Bunbury co. Chester, by Jane Aldersey of the city of Chester, widow, and others, to Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan.

Indenture made the 28 Feb. 1731[-2], between Jane Aldersey of the city of Chester, widow and relict of Robert Aldersey late of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., deceased, Alice Palin of Aldersey co. Chester, widow and relict of Thomas Palin late of Aldersey aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, and Thomas Palin son and heir of the said Thomas Palin, deceased, Thomas Woodfin of Aldersey aforesaid, husbandman, Eleanor Palin of Aldersey aforesaid, widow and relict of William Palin, deceased, and George Palin son and heir of the said William Palin, Prudence Tonnah, widow, late widow and relict of John Mottershead, deceased, and James Mottershead of the said city of Chester, barber, son and heir of the said John Mottershead, William Aston of Burwardsley co. Chester, yeoman, Thomas Woodfen of Aldersey aforesaid, husbandman, Charles Hill of Stanney co. Chester, yeoman, and Hester his wife, late widow and relict of Thomas Mottershead, deceased, and Mary Mottershead daughter and heir of the said Thomas Mottershead, deceased, Elizabeth Young widow and relict of Samuel Young late of Bunbury aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, and Samuel Young son and heir of the said Samuel Young, deceased, of the one part, and Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan, co. Lanc., of the other part.

Surrender by the said Jane Aldersey, &c. to the said Samuel Aldersey, of their respective tenements in Alder

sey alias Great Aldersey alias Crooke Aldersey, Spurstow, and Bunbury co. Chester, in order that a common Recovery may be suffered thereof.

(Signed) Jane Aldersey.

[And by all the other parties except Mary Mottershead and Samuel Aldersey.]

[Seals not heraldic.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Alexander Kirk.

W^m. Somner sen^r.

William Somner Jun^r.

Sam¹. Stubs.

of the manor of Aldersey, Spurstow Hall in Spurstow, and messuages, lands &c. in Aldersey ats Great Aldersey ats Crooke Aldersey, Spurstow and Bunbury by Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., his son and heir apparent, to Thomas Tagg and Nathaniel Barber, both of the city of Chester, gentlemen.

(Signed) Sam¹. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, quarterly, de Alteribus and Aldersey

(bend not engrailed).]

T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal (bend not engrailed).]

103. Duplicate of deed No. 102.

THOMAS ALDERSEY of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., son and heir apparent of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., with Mary, daughter of Cornelius Hignert of the city of Chester, gent.

Indenture made the 2nd March 1731[-2], between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., his son and heir apparent, of the first part, Cornelius Hignett of the city of Chester, gent., of the second part, Thomas Tagg and Nathaniel Barber, both of the city of Chester, gentlemen, of the third part, and Richard Rutter of Moorode co. Chester, Esq., and Roger Bridgeman of Castle Bromwich co. Warwick, clerk, of the fourth part.

In consideration of a marriage already had and solemnized between the said Thomas Aldersey and Mary now his wife, daughter of the said Cornelius Hignett, the said Samuel Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey settle all that their manor of Aldersey, &c., according to Articles of Agreement dated 20 May 1731 (No. 100).

Certain messuages and lands in Spurstow and Bunbury co. Chester, are settled on the said Mary for her jointure during her life.

(Signed) Saml. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, quarterly.]

T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal.]

Cornelius Hignett.

[Seal a crest.]

Tho. Tagg.

[Seal a crest.]

Nathl. Barber.

[Seal a crest.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Rob^t. Tatton.
Tho: Tagg Jun^r.

Endorsed on the back:

Between Samuel Aldersey, clerk,
Complainant, and
Anne ffleet, widow, defendant.

In the Exchequer at Chester.

Aug. 25, 1747, Showed then and deposed unto by Thomas Tagg Jun^r., gent., a witness sworn and examined on the said Complainant's behalf before (Signed) Rich^d. Wicksted, Examiner.

Geo. II. [1732] of the manor of Aldersey, &c., &c., by Richard Rutter, Esq., and Roger Bridgeman, clerk, against Thomas Tagg, gent., and Nathaniel Barber, gent.

106. (1730-1.) Will of Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esquire. Proved, 1733.

In the name of God, Amen, I Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esquire, &c.

Whereas by one Indenture Tripartite, duly executed, bearing date the 26 March 1698 [No. 82], previous to and in consideration of a marriage then intended to be

had between me and Jane my now wife, there is a term of years limited to Trustees, the trust whereof is that in case I should happen to have no issue by the said Jane or any other wife living at the time of my death, then the same trustees should out of the premises so limited to them raise such sums of money as I should appoint, not exceeding £2000, and pay the same as I should appoint by deed or will, And whereas I have no issue living by the said Jane my wife, Now in pursuance of the said power I hereby charge all the messuages, lands &c. so limited as aforesaid, with the payment of the full sum of £2000 in manner following, that is to say, equally amongst all the daughters and younger sons of my brother Mr. Samuel Aldersey, clerk, living at the time of my death, upon the condition hereinafter mentioned with respect to my nephew Robert Aldersey one of the younger sons of my said brother.

I devise all those my lands &c. in Aldersey co. Chester, now or late in the holding of John Lewis, to my said wife during her life, and after her decease to my said brother Samuel Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever. I devise to my said wife, her heirs and assigns, all those my messuages, lands &c. in Middlewych and Newton by Middlewych co: Chester. I devise to my nephew Samuel Aldersey son of my said brother Samuel, and to the heirs and assigns of my said nephew Samuel for ever, all that my moiety or other share of all the messuages, lands &c. in any township or place in the said county of Chester, which were heretofore the inheritance of my late kinsman Mr. Thomas Huxley or of his late father deceased, and by them settled upon me and my heirs.

Whereas upon the marriage of Jane my now wife certain lands &c. in Aldersey, of the yearly value of

£40, were amongst other lands settled upon her by way of Jointure, which same lands have since been recovered from me by course of law, whereby her jointure will in part be defeated, now I hereby direct that my said nephew Robert Aldersey shall have no part of the said £2000 till he has executed such conveyances of my real estate settled on my marriage as the counsel of my said wife shall advise, for making good the deficiency of my said wife's jointure in case the said Robert Aldersey come to enjoy my said real estate, by virtue of my Marriage Settlement. And in case my said nephew Samuel Aldersey shall not execute such conveyances as aforesaid if he come to enjoy my said real estate, I devise the premises hereinbefore bequeathed to him to my said brother Samuel Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever, charged with the deficiency of the said jointure.

I give to my servant Samuel Stubbs £5. After payment of my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses, I give the residue of my personal estate unto my said loving wife Jane whom I hereby nominate and appoint sole executrix.

Dated 28 Jan. 1730[-1].

(Signed) R: Aldersey.

Signed, sealed &c. in the presence of,

(Signed) Nathanl. Leftwiche.

Edward Hincks.

Thomas Langrish.

Tho. Tagg.

23 Nov. 1733.

Jane Aldersey abovenamed took the usual Oath of an Executrix before us.

(Signed) Peregrine Gastrell.

- 107. (1733.) Probate granted 23 Nov. 1733 of the will (dated 28 Jan. 1730-1) of Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., under the seal of Peregrine Gastrell, Vicar General and official Principal of the Bishop of Chester.
- 108. (6 March 1736[-7].) License from RICHARD, Lord Bishop of Lincoln, to Samuel Aldersey, to perform the office of a Deacon in the Parish Church of Wadesdon co. Bucks.
- Bishop of Lincoln, to Samuel Aldersey, Bachelor of Laws, to perform the office of Curate in the Parish Church of Wiston co. Huntingdon.
- Bachelor of Laws, of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to Priests Orders, by Richard, Bishop of Lincoln.

Endorsed on the back:

Exhibited in the Visitations of the Bishops of Chester, 1747, 1766, 1783, 1789.

110A. (1740-1.) Will of SAMUEL ALDERSEY, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc.

[See Aldersey Papers, Miscel. Bundle A, No. 110.]
"In the Name of God, Amen, I Samuel Aldersey
A A

Clerk Rector of Wigan in the County Palatine of Lancaster being of sound Mind & Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner & Form following, that is to say

"First of all I recommend my Soul to the Mercy of Almighty God and my Body to be buried.

"And as to my worldly Estate, I order all my Debts and Funeral Expences to be paid out of my Personality, & I give and bequeath to my Dear Wife the Furniture of any two Rooms which she shall choose; and if anything remains after paying my Debts and Funeral Expences, & over & above the Furniture before mention'd, my Will is that it be equally divided amongst all my Children. Also I give and bequeath all my Leases under the Dean and Chapter of Chester, & my Estate in Aldersey in the County Palatine of Chester in the holding of Lancelot Parsonage to my two Sons Thomas Aldersey Doctor of Physick and Samuel Aldersey Clerk & to my Daughter Frances Kynaston upon this special Trust and Confidence, that they make the best of them both and employ the Profits of them for the sole Use and Benefit of my dear Wife during her natural Life, and after her Death I leave the same to my said Son Thomas Aldersey and do charge them with the Payment of Six Hundred Pounds one year after my Decease, which I order to be dispos'd of in the following Manner, That is to say, I leave to my Daughters Elizabeth Aldersey and Margaret Aldersey one Hundred Pounds to each, to my Sons Bridgeman Aldersey and Henry Aldersey one Hundred Pounds each, to my Grandson John Kynaston Fifty Pounds and the remaining Hundred and Fifty Pounds I order to be equally divided amongst all my Children that shall be living at the Time of my Wifes Decease. Also my Estate in Aldersey in the County Palatine

of Chester commonly call'd Aldersey Hall now in the Holding of — Jones I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Aldersey and do charge the same with the Payment of six Hundred Pounds one Year after my Decease to be disposed of in manner following That is to say I leave to my Daughters Elizabeth Aldersey and Margaret Aldersey the Sum of one one [sic] Hundred Pounds each, to my Sons Bridgeman Aldersey and Henry Aldersey one Hundred Pounds each, to my Son Robert Aldersey Fifty Pounds, to my Grandson John Kynaston One Hundred and Fifty Pounds at the Time that he shall arrive at the full Age of one and Twenty Years and the Interest thereof in the mean Time to be laid out for his Use at the Discretion of his Mother, and lastly I do appoint my two Sons Thomas Aldersey & Samuel Aldersey abovemention'd & my Daughter Frances Kynaston to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke all Wills by me heretofore made in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this fifth Day of March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Forty.

" (Signed) Saml. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, quarterly.]

"Sign'd seal'd & publish'd in ye Presence of us who witness'd it in ye Presence of the Testator.

(Signed) Sam: Lever

Robt. Taylor

Tho: Rainford."

[There is also a copy of the above will preserved with it.]

Endorsed on the back:

"My Fathers Will dated March 5 1741."

of Wigan co. Lanc., Doctor of Physic.

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Aldersey of Wigan co. Lanc., Doctor of Physick, &c. All my just debts and funeral expenses to be first paid out of my personal estate, and the remainder thereof I hereby bequeath to my dear wife. Also I hereby devise all that capital messuage and tenement with the lands thereto belonging, commonly called Aldersey Hall in the county of Chester, to my brother Samuel Aldersey and his heirs, in trust until my brother Robert Aldersey shall have a son lawfully begotten who shall live to attain the age of 21 years, and if any such son shall attain the said age then my said brother Samuel and his heirs shall stand seised of the said premises to the use of such son and his heirs for ever, but nevertheless he and they shall receive the rents and profits in the meantime to his and their own use, &c., And for default of such son of my said brother Robert I devise the said messuage &c. to my said brother Samuel, his heirs and assigns for ever.

Also I hereby give all that other messuage and tenement, lands &c. in Aldersey aforesaid, now in the occupation of Lancelot Parsonage, immediately after the death of my mother, to my said brother Samuel, his heirs and assigns for ever. Also I hereby bequeath all those messuages, lands &c. now held by lease under the Dean and Chapter of Chester situate in the city of Chester, and in the parish of West-Kerkby co. Chester, immediately after the decease of my said mother, to my said brother Samuel, his executors administrators and assigns, during the residue of the term.

And I hereby constitute and appoint George Hyde of

Frodsham co. Chester, Esq., and my said brother Samuel Aldersey executors of this my last.

Dated 6 July 1742.

T: Aldersey.

Sealed &c. in the presence of,

Sam: Lever.

Tho: Rainford.

Jon. Bromley.

Proved at Chester 10 Sept. 1742 by George Hyde, Esq., and Samuel Aldersey, clerk, the executors. (Seal of Peregrine Gastrell, Vicar General and official Principal of the Bishop of Chester.)

of Robert Aldersey late of Spurstow, Esq.

In the name of God, Amen, I Jane Aldersey widow and relict of Robert Aldersey late of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., deceased. First my will is that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my personal estate, and that my interment be performed in such a manner as I by my own handwriting shall direct.

And as concerning all those my several messuages, cottages, lands &c. in the several townships of Middlewych and Newton near Middlewych co. Chester, wherein I have any estate, I devise the same with all the rents and profits thereof to my good friends Joseph Lancaster of Warrington co. Lanc., attorney, and Richard Craven of Spurstow co. Chester, Junior, and their assigns for the term of 500 years, upon trust to permit and suffer my beloved sister M¹⁸. Ann Hulse to enjoy the same during her life, remainder to my nephew John Hulse and his heirs male, remainder to Ralph Hulse son of

my said sister Ann Hulse, and his heirs male, remainder to my nephew Thomas Hulse and his heirs male, remainder to my nephew Robert Hulse and his heirs male, remainder to my nephew Robert Hulse and his heirs male, remainder to my nephew Randle Hulse and his heirs male, remainder to my two nieces Jane and Ann Hulse equally and jointly, and to their heirs male, And my will is that if my nephew Hugh Hulse third son of my aforesaid sister Ann Hulse be living and return again into England, then after the decease of my said sister Ann Hulse and my said nephews John Hulse and Ralph Hulse and their issue male, the said trustees shall permit the said Hugh Hulse and his heirs male to enjoy the said premises, remainder to my own right heirs for ever.

I give to my dear sister Mrs. Ann Hulse £192 1s. 6d., To my nephew John Hulse £20, To Mrs. Sarah Grantham sister to my late cousin Daniel Aldersey £4, To the younger children of Mr. William Watts late of Newton aforesaid, one guinea, To my cousin Elizabeth Markham of Tarporley one guinea, To my niece Kynaston 10s., To my late cousin Kendricks four daughters each 10s., To the younger children of Mr. Cooper late of Middlewych, clerk, £10 equally amongst them, To the sister of Mrs. Sarah Carrington late of Chester who suffered by the Stable we rented being fired 40s., To Mary the wife of Joshua Woods of Brombrow in Worral my two long cloaks and capphoods, my gray broadcloth cloak, and £4 8s., provided she is not paid the said sum in my lifetime, To my niece Mary Edwards the sum of £5, To my servant Samuel Stubs £10.

I leave all the old family pictures which are or were in the great parlour at Spurstow, and mine and my late dear husband's picture to be kept and remain in the great parlour at Spurstow from generation to generation. All the residue of my goods &c. with the large table in the house in which William Badcock of Spurstow now dwells, after my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses are paid, I bequeath the same to my nephew Samuel Aldersey, clerk, whom I hereby constitute and appoint sole executor of this my last will.

Dated 10 Augst. 1742.

(Signed) Jane Aldersey.

[Armorial seal (Webb of Middlewich).]

Signed, sealed &c. in the presence of, (Signed) Tho: Weaver.
George Owen.
John Owen.

- 113. Lease for a year, dated 9 Aug. 1743, of messuages &c. comprised in next deed (No. 114).
- Great Aldersey co. Chester, by ROBERT ALDERSEY of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., on PRUDENCE his wife.

Indenture made the 10 Aug. 1743, between Robert Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., of the first part, Prudence Aldersey his wife, of the second part, James Tomkinson of Nantwich co. Chester, gent., and William Somner of Haighton co. Chester, gent., of the third part.

Recites indenture dated 2 March 1731-2 (No. 104). The said Robert Aldersey in pursuance of

the power to him given by the same indenture, conveys to the said James Tomkinson and William Somner two messuages and lands in Great Aldersey &c. in the occupation of John Tonna, John Lewis and Thomas Parsonage, to the use of himself for his life, and after his death in trust for Prudence his wife during her life for her jointure.

[There is mention of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan, deceased, late father of the said Robert Aldersey.]

(Signed) Rob^t. Aldersey.

Prudence Aldersey.

Ja^s. Tomkinson.

William Somner.

[Two first seals cut off, the others not armorial.] Witnesses,

(Signed) Jno. Barnett.

Jas. Kennerley.

Sarah Noden.

Sam. Duke.

DERSEY of Wigan, co. Lanc., gent., and HANNAH ALDERSEY his wife.

Indenture made the 15 Oct. 1750. Between Henry Aldersey of Wigan co. Lanc., gent., of the first part, Richard Edge of Hulton co. Lanc., gent., and Thomas Rainford of Wigan aforesaid, yeoman, of the second part, and Hannah Aldersey wife of the said Henry Aldersey, of the third part.

Recites the will of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, late Rector of Wigan, dated 5 March 1740-1. (See ante, p. 177.) And whereas the said Henry Aldersey and Hannah his wife have agreed to live separate and apart during their joint lives unless the said Henry shall hereafter agree to live with her, the said Henry Aldersey hereby assigns to the said Richard Edge and Thomas Rainford a legacy of £100 and all his share of another legacy of £150 left to him by the said will, upon trust thereout to repay to the said Henry such sums as he shall have paid in respect of the annuity hereinafter mentioned, and subject thereto in trust for the said Hannah absolutely. Also the said Henry agrees to pay £6 yearly to the said Hannah during the life of Henrietta Aldersey, mother of the said Henry, and until the said legacies shall become payable.

(Signed) H. Aldersey. Hannah Aldersey.

[Two seals, Aldersey crest.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Edw^d. Bullen. Isaac Cross.

116. Copy of deed No. 115.

Spurstow and Bunbury co. Chester, by MARY ALDERSEY of Wigan co. Lanc., widow and relict of Thomas Aldersey late of Wigan, Doctor of Physic, to enable Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, brother and heir of the said Dr. Thomas Aldersey, to suffer a recovery thereof.

Indenture made the 17 April 1759, between Mary

Aldersey of Wigan co. Lanc., widow and relict of Thomas Aldersey late of Wigan aforesaid, Doctor of Physic, deceased, of the one part, and the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, brother and heir of the said Doctor Thomas Aldersey, of the other part.

Surrender by the said Mary Aldersey to the said Samuel Aldersey of the messuages and lands in Spurstow and Bunbury co. Chester, which the said Mary Aldersey holds in dower, in order that a Recovery may be suffered thereof.

(Signed) Mary Aldersey.

[Seal, a griffin rampant.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) C: Hignett. Tho: Scott.

118. Duplicate of deed No. 117.

of Aldersey, and Spurstow Hall in Spurstow co. Chester, &c., by Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., his eldest son and heir apparent.

Lease and Release made the 19th & 20th April 1759, between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of Aldersey aforesaid, gent., eldest son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey, of the first part, Thomas Brock of the city of Chester, gent., of the second part, and Edward Parnell of the same city of Chester, gent., of the third part.

Deed to suffer a Recovery of the manor of Aldersey in Aldersey in the parish of Coddington co. Chester, and the capital messuage or mansion house called Spurstow Hall in Spurstow co. Chester, and all other the messuages, lands &c. in Aldersey, Spurstow and Bunbury heretofore the inheritance of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., deceased, late father of the said Samuel Aldersey party hereto, as to certain hereditaments in Spurstow and Bunbury to the use of Mary Aldersey the widow of Thomas Aldersey for life, and as to all the premises (subject as aforesaid) to such uses as the said Samuel Aldersey and Robert Aldersey shall appoint, remainder to the said Samuel Aldersey for life, remainder to such uses as the said Robert Aldersey shall appoint, remainder to the said Robert Aldersey for life, remainder to his first and other sons in tail male, remainder to such uses as the said Samuel Aldersey and his second son Samuel Aldersey shall appoint, remainder as the said Samuel Aldersey the younger shall appoint, remainder to the said Samuel Aldersey the younger for life, remainder to his first and other sons in tail male, with an ultimate remainder to the right heirs of the said Samuel Aldersey (party thereto).

(Signed) S. Aldersey.

Rob: Aldersey.

Tho: Brock.

Edw^d: Parnell.

[Seals, not armorial.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Geo: Ogden, Surgeon in Chester.

Thos. Woolright, Clerk—Master of the Grammar Scholl, Chester.

120. Copy of deed No. 119.

121. See deed No. 90*.

[Date mistaken for 1760.]

Aldersey and Crooke Aldersey co. Chester, from Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of the Temple in the city of London, Esq., his eldest son and heir apparent, to the executors of Mary Penkett late of the city of Chester, widow, deceased.

Indenture made the 18 April 1761, between the Reverend Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of the Temple in the city of London, Esq., eldest son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey, of the one part, and Samuel Bennett of Great Saughall co. Chester, Esq., and James Gilbert of Great Saughall aforesaid, gentleman, executors of the last will of Mary Penkett late of the city of Chester, widow, deceased, of the other part.

Recites indenture dated 20 April 1759 (No. 119). Mortgage of all the messuages, lands &c. in Aldersey, Great Aldersey and Crooke Aldersey co. Chester, which were comprised in that indenture, to the said executors of the said Mary Penkett by demise for a term of 500 years for securing the payment of £400 with interest.

(Signed) S: Aldersey. R. Aldersey.

Witnesses,

(Signed) Tho. Brock.

W^m. Dicas.

John Leche.

Geo: Ogle Ctk to Mr. Leche.

[Cancelled.]

123. (1763.) License from EDMUND, Bishop of Chester, 13 Jan. 1763, to SAMUEL ALDERSEY, clerk, Bachelor of Laws, to perform the office of Preacher of the parish of Bunbury co. Chester, vacant by the death of Samuel Lowe, clerk, late Preacher there.

8c. in Great Aldersey and Crooke Aldersey co. Chester, from James Gilbert of the city of Chester, gent., surviving executor of Mary Penkett late of the city of Chester, widow, deceased, to Thomas Brock of the said city, gent.

Indenture made the 25 Feb. 1764, between James Gilbert late of Great Saughall co. Chester, but now of the city of Chester, gent., surviving executor named in the last will of Mary Penkett late of the said city of Chester, widow, deceased, of the one part, and Thomas Brock of the city of Chester, gent., of the other part.

Assignment by the said James Gilbert to the said Thomas Brock of messuages, lands &c. in Great Aldersey and Crooke Aldersey co. Chester comprised in mortgage of 18 April 1761 (No. 122).

(Signed) James Gilbert.

[Seal a gem.]

Witnesses,
(Signed) Joseph Gilbert.
F. Price.

Chester, by the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, on Margaret his wife, in jointure.

Indenture made the 2nd June 1764, between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of the one part, and Thomas Brock of the city of Chester, gent., of the other part.

Settlement by the said Rev. Samuel Aldersey of all those fields or parcels of land in the township of Bunbury co. Chester, called Birds Fields, and containing together 81 statute acres, on Margaret his wife during her life for her jointure; which lands were heretofore limited in jointure to Jane Aldersey deceased, widow of Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., deceased, uncle of the said Rev. Samuel Aldersey.

(Signed) S. Aldersey.

Witnesses, [Seal a crest.]
(Signed) Thos. Crachley.
Rich: Barker.

of Aldersey, and Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., his son and heir apparent, of the manor of Aldersey, &c., co. Chester.

Indenture made the 19 Augst. 1772, between the

Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, London, Esq. (eldest son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey), of the first part, John Leche of Stretton co. Chester, Esq., and William Leche of Carden co. Chester, Esq., of the second part, and Phillips Lloyd ffletcher of Gwernayled co. Flint, Esq., and John Lloyd Jones of Maesmawr in the parish of Guildsfield co. Montgomery, gent., of the third part.

Recites indenture dated 20 April 1759 (No. 119). In pursuance of a power therein contained the premises therein comprised are appointed to the said John Leche and William Leche for a term of 500 years upon trust to raise money to pay off all such sums as the said Samuel Aldersey and Robert Aldersey have already borrowed or shall borrow on their joint bonds (except £1500 owing to Thomas Dutton, gent., on a bond dated 1st July 1771, which is further secured to him by a mortgage of certain lands in Aldersey aforesaid), and subject to this term the premises are appointed in further settlement. Trusts are also declared of the Bunbury leasehold tithes to correspond with the uses of the manor of Aldersey.

(Signed) S. Aldersey.

R. Aldersey.

[Armorial seals (bend not engrailed).] Witnesses,

(Signed) John Derbishire

Attorney in Chester.

Thomas Bethell

Servant to Robert Aldersey, Esq.

127. (1782.) Assignment to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of a proportion of the Tolls arising upon the road from Wrexham co. Denbigh, to Barnhill co. Chester.

By virtue of an Act made in the 22 George III. [1781-2], for amending, widening, and keeping in repair the road from Wrexham co. Denbigh to Barnhill co. Chester, we five of the Trustees for putting the said Act into execution, in consideration of the sum of £200 to the Treasurer of the said road paid, do sell and demise to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and his assigns, such proportion of the Tolls arising on the said road as the said £200 shall bear to the whole sum.

Dated 5 June 1782.

(Signed) John Leche.
W. Leche.
Chas. Goodwin.
Edwd. Moulson.
Thomas Massie.

Witness,

(Signed) John Smith.

Endorsed on the back:

I the within named Samuel Aldersey hereby acknowledge that £100 of the sum within secured to me was advanced by my son Robert Aldersey Esq.

Dated 6 June 1782.

(Signed) S: Aldersey.

of Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and Charles Catharine Erskine of the city of Bath co. Somerset, spinster.

Indenture made the 10 Dec. 1784, between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of the first part, Charles Catharine Erskine of the city of Bath co. Somerset, spinster, of the second part, and Thomas Davies of the city of Bristol, surgeon, and William Davies of the said city of Bath, gent., of the third part.

In consideration of a marriage shortly to be had and solemnized between the said Samuel Aldersey and Charles Catharine Erskine, the said Samuel Aldersey settles on his said intended wife a clear yearly rentcharge of £80 out of two farms at Bunbury and one farm at Aldersey co. Chester, during her life, for her jointure.

(Signed) S: Aldersey.

Chars. Cathe. Erskine.

[Seals not heraldic.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) W. Percival. Rob^t. Clarke.

129. (1785.) Grant of a yearly rentcharge of £200 from lands &c. in Aldersey and Spurstow co. Chester, by the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, to Robert Aldersey, Esq., of the Inner Temple, London, his eldest son and heir apparent.

Indenture made the 31 August 1785, between the

Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of the first part, Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, London, Esq. (eldest son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey), of the second part, and William Leche of Carden co. Chester, Esq., of the third part.

Recites indenture dated 19 Aug. 1772 (No. 126). Grant by the said Samuel Aldersey to the said Robert Aldersey of a clear yearly rentcharge of £200 out of two farms &c. in Aldersey, in occupation of John Ruscoe and Samuel Jones, and one farm and tithes in Spurstow co. Chester, during their joint lives.

(Signed) S: Aldersey. R. Aldersey.

[Armorial seals.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Will^m. Massey. W: Richards.

130. (1788.) Lease of a tenement in Aldersey co. Chester, in trust for Thomas Aldersey, grandson of Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, clerk.

Indenture made the 17 Oct. 1788, between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of the one part, and Oswald Mosley of Bolesworth Castle co. Chester, Esq., and William Leche of Carden co. Chester, Esq., of the other part.

Lease by the said Samuel Aldersey to the said Oswald Mosley and William Leche of a messuage and tenement in Aldersey, late on lease to John Lewis, in trust for Thomas Aldersey, grandson of the said Samuel Aldersey, for the term of 99 years from

the day but one before the death of the said Samuel Aldersey if the said Thomas Aldersey shall so long live, at the yearly rent of 20s. and certain services.

Provided that in case Robert Aldersey eldest son of the said Samuel Aldersey or his heirs secure to the said Thomas Aldersey a clear annuity of £20, then this indenture shall be void.

(Signed) S: Aldersey.

[Seal a gem.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Samuel Jones. Peter Cappur.

other messuages and tenements in Aldersey, late on lease to Prudence Mottershead and Thomas Palin, to the same trustees in trust for Samuel Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey, grandsons of the said Rev. Samuel Aldersey, at the yearly rents of £1 125. and 215. and certain services, subject to avoidance on securing an annuity of £34.

132. Draft of deed No. 133.

133. (1790.) Settlement of the manor of Aldersey, Spurstow Hall, &c., co. Chester, by Samuel Aldersey sey of Aldersey, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., his eldest son and heir apparent.

Indenture made the 6 Oct. 1790, between the Rev.

Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, London, Esq. (eldest son and heir apparent of the said Samuel Aldersey), of the first part, William Leche of Carden co. Chester, Esq., of the second part, Phillips Lloyd Fletcher of Gwernhaeled co. Flint, Esq., and John Lloyd Jones of Maesmawr in the parish of Guildsfield co. Montgomery, gent., of the third part, and John Parry of Gresford Lodge co. Denbigh, Esq., of the fourth part.

Recites indentures dated 20 April 1759 (No. 119) and 19 Aug. 1772 (No. 126). Settlement of the manor of Aldersey, Spurstow Hall, and other hereditaments in Aldersey, Spurstow and Bunbury to the following uses: To the use of the said William Leche for residue of term 500 years for the purposes mentioned in No. 126, remainder to such uses as the said Samuel Aldersey and Robert Aldersey should jointly appoint, remainder to the said Samuel Aldersey party hereto during his life, remainder to trustees for a term of 1000 years upon trust to raise £2000 for the said Robert Aldersey, remainder to such uses as the said Robert Aldersey alone after the death of the said Samuel Aldersey should by deed or will appoint, remainder to the said Robert Aldersey in tail male, remainder to Samuel Aldersey (younger son of the said Samuel Aldersey party hereto) during his life, remainder to Samuel Aldersey (grandson of the said Samuel Aldersey party hereto) during his life, remainder to his first and other sons in tail, remainder to Thomas Aldersey (another grandson of the said Samuel Aldersey party hereto) during his life, remainder to his first and other sons in tail, remainder to the right heirs of the said Samuel Aldersey party hereto for ever.

Declaration of trust of Bunbury leasehold tithes upon trusts to correspond with the uses of the manor of Aldersey.

(Signed) S: Aldersey.

[Seal a gem.]

R. Aldersey.

Witnesses,

[Seal a gem.]

(Signed) Edw^d. Mainwaring of Chester Esq. W. Richards of Do. Atty.

Bunbury co. Chester, by the Rev. SAMUEL ALDERSEY of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, in trust for his grand-daughters.

Indenture made the 27 July 1799, between the Rev. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, clerk, of the one part, and John Leche of Stretton co. Chester, Esq., and John Lloyd Jones of Maesmawr co. Montgomery, Esq., of the other part.

Lease to the said John Leche and John Lloyd Jones of all that messuage and lands in Aldersey aforesaid, formerly in lease for lives to Prudence Mottershead, widow, but then in the occupation of Peter Forster at the yearly rent of £35; and all that other messuage and lands in Bunbury co. Chester, called Youngs Tenement, formerly in the tenure of Samuel Young but now of Thomas Brook, at the yearly rental of £30; in trust for Catherine Aldersey, Margaret Aldersey, and Elizabeth Aldersey, granddaughters of the said Rev. Samuel Aldersey, for the term of 99 years from the day before the death of the said Samuel Aldersey if they or

any of them shall so long live, at the yearly rents of 40s. and 12s. 6d. (being the ancient rents) and certain services, for their maintenance and education until they respectively attain 21 and afterwards for them and the survivors and survivor of them.

Provided that if Robert Aldersey eldest son of the said Samuel Aldersey, or his heirs, secure to the said trustees or their assigns, one clear annuity of £60, then this indenture shall be void.

(Signed) S: Aldersey.

Witnesses, [Seal a gem.] (Signed) Ph^p. Humberston. R^r. Jacson.

- 135. Lease for a year, dated 28 Jan. 1829, of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 136).
- in Aldersey co. Chester, by Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, Esq., to Robert Aldersey of the city of Chester, Esq.

Indenture made the 29 January 1829, between Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, Esq., of the first part, John Hurleston Leche of Carden Park co. Chester, Esq., of the second part, and Robert Aldersey of the city of Chester, Esq. (brother and heir at law of Daniel Aldersey late of the same city, Esq., deceased), of the third part.

Conveyance, for £1334 13s. 9d., pursuant to an order in Chancery, by the said Samuel Aldersey to the said Robert Aldersey (as trustee under the Al-

dersey Estate Act 1816) of all that messuage with the lands thereto belonging commonly called the Aldersey Manor Farm in Aldersey co. Chester, formerly in the tenure of Job Harrison and now or late in the occupation of Thomas Lightfoot, and purchased in the previous year by the said Samuel Aldersey of the trustees of the late [Thomas] Peter Legh of Lyme.

[There is mention of a lease made of the said premises by Peter Legh, Esq., deceased, to John Larden of the city of Chester, woollen draper, for three lives, from the 24 May 1790.]

(Signed) Saml. Aldersey.

J. Hurleston Leche.

[Seals not heraldic.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Richd. Barker,

Chester.

Peter Edwards,

Butler to Mr. Aldersey.

Thomas Proudlove,

Butler to Mr. Leche.

of Aldersey and of a messuage and lands therein called the Aldersey Manor Farm by the surviving trustee under the will of Thomas Peter Legh, Esq., deceased, and Thomas Legh, Esq., to Samuel Aldersey, Esq.

This parcel contains also a number of papers and other documents relating to this purchase, including the following:

Printed copy of the Act of Parliament for the settlement of the Legh Estates, dated 1811.

Printed copy of the particulars and conditions of sale of manors and estates in Handley, Aldersey, Oldford, and Golborne co. Chester, offered for sale 4 June 1827.

Abstract of title.

Note on the title to the effect that from the Court Rolls it appears that the manor of Handley comprised the manors of Handley, Aldersey, and Golborne David, and that the freeholders in each of these townships, amongst whom was Mr. Aldersey himself, were included in the Suit Roll, and owed suit and service at the Manor Court.

[But as to this see ante, pp. 30, 31. The manor of Aldersey was not mentioned in any of the abstracted deeds.]

138. Conveyance, dated 25 March 1813, of a piece of land called Coddington Meadow in Aldersey in the parish of Coddington co. Chester, and a Pew in Coddington Church, by Bennett Rowland of Carden in the parish of Tilston co. Chester, widow, relict of Daniel Rowland of the same place, gent., deceased, and Daniel Rowland Barker of Carden aforesaid, gent., to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall in the parish of Coddington, Esq.

This parcel contains also the following deeds and documents:

nett Rowland and Mr. Daniel Rowland Barker. Deed of Covenants for the production of title deeds.

- 4 Jan. 1806. Attested copy of the Probate of the Will of Daniel Rowland, deceased.
- 7 April 1787. Attested copy of Release and Conveyance in fee for suffering a Recovery of an estate in the parish of Coddington.
- 27 May 1735. Settlement pursuant to Articles between M^{rs}. Carter and M^r. Rowland.
- 6 May 1732. Marriage Articles between Daniel Rowland and Elizabeth Carter.
- Three documents relating to a pew in Coddington Church.
- 139. (1809.) Office Copy of the Will of Robert Al-DERSEY of the city of Chester, gentlemen, dated 1803, proved 1809.

I Robert Aldersey of the city of Chester, gentleman, &c., give and devise all those my messuages, lands &c. in Newton by Tattenhall co. Chester, now in the occupation of Edward Williamson and John Shaw, to my youngest son William Aldersey during his life, remainder to my eldest son Daniel Aldersey to preserve the contingent remainders, remainder to such child or children of the said William Aldersey as he shall by deed or will appoint, and in default of such appointment equally amongst all the children of the said William Aldersey as tenants in common in tail, with cross remainders between them in tail, And in default of such issue as aforesaid, I devise one moiety of the said premises to my said son Daniel Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever, And I also in such case devise the other moiety of the same premises to the said Daniel Aldersey his heirs and assigns upon condition that he pay to my second son

Robert Aldersey £4400, and if the said Daniel Aldersey shall refuse or fail to make such payment, then I devise the said last mentioned moiety of the said premises to the said Robert Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever. Provided always that the said William Aldersey shall have power to limit a jointure to his wife out of the said premises, so that the same shall not exceed the clear yearly sum of £80 if there be any issue of the said William Aldersey then living, or £100 in case of failure of issue of the said William Aldersey. And I hereby devise all other my messuages and lands as well of inheritance as leasehold, to my said son Daniel Aldersey his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature of my estate and interest therein.

And as to my personal estate I dispose thereof as follows, that is to say, I give to my said sons Daniel Aldersey and Robert Aldersey £800 upon trust to be laid out in the purchase of some good freehold estate to be settled to the same uses as I have hereinbefore directed concerning the said premises in Newton by Tattenhall. I give and bequeath to my said son Robert Aldersey £8000; to my servant Ann Randles, if she shall continue in my service at my death, £100. I give all my plate to my said three sons Daniel Aldersey, Robert Aldersey, and William Aldersey, equally amongst them. And all the residue of my goods &c. after the payment of my debts, legacies, and funeral expenses, I give to my son Daniel Aldersey, and I nominate and appoint my sons Daniel Aldersey and Robert Aldersey executors of this my last will.

Dated 22 Sept. 1803.

Witnesses,

Rob^t. Aldersey.

Chas. Potts Jas. Kelsall Attorneys in Chester. John Williams, Clerk to Mess¹⁸. Potts, Leeke & Potts, Attys, Chester.

Codicil, dated 1805.

I give and bequeath to my son Robert Aldersey £2000 out of my personal estate in addition to the provision I have made for him by my will. Also I give to my sons Daniel Aldersey and Robert Aldersey £600 in addition to the sum of £800 given to them by my said will upon the trust therein mentioned.

Dated 20 Feb. 1805.

Witnesses,

Rob^t. Aldersey.

Chas. Potts.

Jas. Kelsall.

John Williams.

Proved at Chester by the executors, 19 Oct. 1809. Sworn under £10,000.

140. (1821.) Copy of the Will of Daniel Aldersey of the city of Chester.

I Daniel Aldersey of the city of Chester do make this my last will and testament. I give and devise all my freehold messuages, lands &c. in Huxley, Great Saughall, Little Saughall, and Thornton Hough co. Chester, and all other my freehold estates whatsoever and wheresoever, except my dwellinghouses in the city of Chester, and my leasehold estate in Great Saughall, to Thomas Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, Esq., and Henry Potts of the said city of Chester, Esq., and their heirs, to the uses and upon the trusts hereinafter expressed, that is to say, To the use of my brother Robert Aldersey during his life, remainder to the said trustees

to preserve the contingent uses and estates, remainder to the child or children of my said brother Robert Aldersey as tenants in common in tail, with cross remainders between them in tail, like remainders to my brother William Aldersey and his children, And in default of all such issue as aforesaid, I give and devise all my said freehold messuages, lands &c. in Huxley, Great Saughall, Little Saughall, Thornton Hough, and elsewhere (except as aforesaid), and also all my reversion in fee of a messuage, tenement, and lands, in Newton near Tattenhall co. Chester, now in the possession of my said brother William Aldersey, to the said Thomas Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever, &c. &c.

I devise all that plot of land lying in Trinity parish in the said city of Chester purchased by me from M^r. John Holland Boulger, and bounded on the north by Crooks Lane Chapel, on the east by a high brick wall and a garden the property of the late Mr. George Bushell, on the south by a yard and several small houses belonging to James Mainwaring Esq., and on the west by a brick wall separating it from some dwellinghouses the property of me the said Daniel Aldersey, to the surviving trustees named in the trust deed of the Dissenting Chapel in or near Crooks Lane in the said city of Chester, and to their heirs, upon the trusts mentioned in the said trust deed. And I devise all those my dwellinghouses in Trinity Street in the said city of Chester to my brother Robert Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever. Also I devise all that my messuage, tenement, and lands in Great Saughall and Little Saughall aforesaid, which I now hold under a lease for three lives from the late Owen Salusbury Brereton Esq., deceased, to my said brother Robert Aldersey his heirs executors administrators and assigns for all my estate therein.

Whereas I have now in my hands the sum of £2000 which was bequeathed by the will of my late father upon trust to be laid out in the purchase of lands, and whereas no opportunity has occurred since the death of my said late father of laying out the said sum, I bequeath the same, subject to my said brother William's enjoyment of the interest thereof during his life and the other trusts thereof declared by my said father in his said will, to my said brother Robert Aldersey. And as to my personal estate I dispose thereof as follows (that is to say) All my debts and funeral expenses to be first paid, and subject thereto I give to my said brother William Aldersey the clear annuity of £300 during his life; to my servant Ann Randles the clear annuity of £40 during her life; to Mrs. Esther Walker of Liverpool and her nieces Hannah Kenyon and Elizabeth Kenyon the clear annuities of £20 each during their I give to my sister-in-law the wife of my said brother Robert Aldersey the sum of £100, and to her sister Miss Cockran £50; to Mrs. Swanwick mother of M^r. Joseph Swanwick, tobacconist, £50; to each of my inferior servants a year's wages in lieu of mourning; to William Hankey of Chester, hairdresser, £20 with all my shaving apparatus; to the trustees of the Chester Infirmary £50, and to the trustees of the Blue Coat School in Chester, £50, for the benefit of those charities. And as to the residue of my personal estate I direct that my executors shall stand possessed thereof upon trust to place the same out at interest and to permit my said brother Robert Aldersey to receive the yearly interest thereof during his life, and after the death of my said brother Robert Aldersey my said executors shall stand possessed of £12000, part of the residue of my personal estate, upon trust to pay the yearly interest thereof to my said brother William Aldersey during his life, in lieu of the said annuity of £300, and at his death the said £12000 shall go to his child or children and the issue of any child then dead, &c., and in case there shall be no such child or children or issue of such child or children living at the time of the death of the said William Aldersey, then the said sum shall go to the child or children and issue of my said brother Robert Aldersey in like manner, and in case there shall be no such child or children or issue then the said sum shall be paid in discharge of any incumbrances which may then affect the real estates of Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq. And my said executors shall stand possessed of the residue of my personal estate upon trust for the child or children and issue of the said Robert Aldersey, with remainder to the child or children and issue of my said brother William Aldersey, and in case there shall be no such child or children or issue then I give the following legacies out of the said residue of my personal estate.

To Mrs. Elizabeth Bourdillon wife of James Bourdillon of Bedford Row, London, and to her brother Peter Kenyon £1000 each; to Mary and Frances, the daughters of Mr. John Nicholls of Chester, £500 each; to the eight children of Mrs. Hulton, wife of the Rev. Joseph Hulton, Dissenting Minister in Dublin, £250 each; to John Hincks of Leeds, attorney-at-law, son of William Hincks and Susannah Hincks late of Dublin, £750; to Mrs. Drennan widow of the late Dr. Drennan of Belfast £100; to John Swanwick of Liverpool, tobacconist, £100; to the ten children of Thomas Swanwick, now living in the United States of America, £500 each; to the seven children of John Wicksteed of Shrewsbury £100 each; to the five children of Joseph Swanwick of Chester £500 each; to the eight children

of Edward Swanwick of Dublin £250 each; to Martha daughter of Thomas Steele, agent to the Linen Hall Company, Chester, £250; to the seven children of George Harrison of the city of Chester, surgeon, £100 each; to Sarah the daughter of Edmund Monk late of Chester, printer, £250; to M^{rs}. Alice Wilson of Chester and her sisters Ann and Mary £250 each; to the children of M^{rs}. Miller, widow of the late Aaron Miller, attorney-at-law, of Chester, £50 each. And subject as aforesaid I give all the residue of my said personal estate and effects to my said brother Robert Aldersey, and I nominate and appoint my said brother Robert Aldersey and the said Thomas Aldersey executors of this my last will.

Dated 22 Jan. 1821.

Daniel Aldersey.

Witnesses,

John Williams

Atty in Chester.

Ellis Jones

of Chester Brewer.

Thos. Walshman

Clerk to Mr. Potts of Chester.

141. (1824.) Copy of the Will of WILLIAM ALDERSEY of the city of Chester, gentleman.

I William Aldersey of the city of Chester, gentleman, do make this my last will and testament.

I devise all those my freehold fields in Newton near Tattenhall co. Chester, now in the holding of Edward Williamson and Samuel Shaw, and all other my real estate whatsoever and wheresoever, to my dear wife Sarah Aldersey her heirs and assigns for ever. And as to my personal estate I dispose thereof as follows: I give to M^r. Edward Hodkinson of the city of Chester, carpenter, £200; to Miss Mercy Evans of the Abbey Square in the said city of Chester £100; to M^r. Ralph Green of the said city of Chester, timber merchant, £50; to M^r. John Evans, now clerk to M^r. Ward at the Register's Office in the said city, £20; to M^r. Edward Maddocks the elder of the said city of Chester, butcher, £20. And subject thereto and to the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give all the residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever to my said dear wife Sarah Aldersey absolutely, and I appoint her sole executrix.

And whereas my late father Robert Aldersey late of the said city of Chester, gent., deceased, by his last will, bearing date the 22 Sept. 1803, devised all those his messuages and lands in Newton by Tattenhall co. Chester to me and my children in manner therein mentioned, with power to limit a jointure thereout for my wife, &c., And whereas I the said William Aldersey have not now any child, and am desirous of exercising the said power in favour of my present wife, Now I hereby limit and appoint to my said wife Sarah Aldersey the clear yearly jointure of £100 out of the aforesaid premises during her life.

Dated 8 March 1824.

William Aldersey.

Witnesses,

John Hassall Thos. Bradford John Williams. ROBERT ALDERSEY of the city of Chester, Esquire.
Dated 1824-34. Proved 1835.

This is the last will and testament of me Robert Aldersey of the city of Chester, Esquire.

I give and bequeath all my household furniture, plate, linen, china, pictures, &c. to my dear wife Susanna Aldersey, and I direct my executors to pay her the sum of £500 for her immediate use. I give and devise my freehold dwellinghouse in Stanley Place in the said city of Chester to the use of my said wife for her life, and after her decease I devise the same to Charles William, the third son of Henry Potts of the said city of Chester, Esq., his heirs and assigns for ever.

And whereas I am absolutely possessed of the sum of £10,000, for which I have the acknowledgment of my late brother Daniel Aldersey Esq., and since his decease securities for monies to that amount have been transferred to or in trust for me, and I am also possessed of the sum of £800 now in the hands of my friend M^r. John Moore, also of one third part of the Stock in the funds of the River Dee Company standing in the joint names of my said late brother Daniel Aldersey, my brother William Aldersey, and myself, also of several principal sums of £3200 and £1000 now vested on mortgage of certain estates of Edward Yonde Esq., Now I charge the above mentioned securities and all other my personal estate with the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, and subject thereto I give the said securities and all other my personal estate to the said Henry Potts and his brother Charles Potts, upon trust to suffer my said dear wife to receive the annual proceeds

thereof during her life, and after her decease I direct the said trustees to call in the said securities and convert the same into money and pay thereout the several legacies next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, to retain the sum of £6000 on the trusts hereinafter mentioned, and to pay to Eliza Potts £1000; to Sarah Potts £1000; to Arthur Potts £1000; to Frederick Potts £1000; to Harriet Potts £2000; and to Anne Mary Potts £1000 (which said last mentioned legatees are the children of the said Henry Potts); to the trustees of the Chester Infirmary £100; to the trustees of the Chester Blue School £100.

I direct the said Henry Potts and Charles Potts to stand possessed of the said £6000 upon the following trusts, that is to say, as concerning £2000, part thereof, to permit Hannah Kenyon and Elizabeth Kenyon both of Liverpool, spinsters, and the survivor of them, to receive the interest thereof during their lives, and after the decease of the survivor of them to pay the said sum of £2000 to James Bourdillon of Bread Street, Cheapside, in the city of London, solicitor, for his own use, and as to the sum of £2000, other part of the said sum of £6000, upon trust to permit Martha Cochrane, spinster (the sister of my said wife), to receive the annual proceeds thereof during her life, and as to £2000, the remaining part of the said sum of £6000, upon trust to permit Elizabeth Aldersey of Farndon co. Chester to receive the annual proceeds thereof during her life, and as to the two last mentioned principal sums of £,2000, subject to the life interests of the said Martha Cochrane and Elizabeth Aldersey, upon trust for such person or persons as my said wife shall appoint, and in default of such appointment in trust for the executors or administrators of my said wife, and I give the residue of the said trust funds to my said wife her executors administrators and assigns.

And whereas in the event of my brother William Aldersey dying without issue I am entitled under my late brother's will to the sum of £2000, directed to be invested under the trusts of my father's will in the purchase of land, and also to a certain part of the residuary personal estate of my said late brother Daniel Aldersey, Now I bequeath the same to the said Charles Potts and George Johnson of the said city of Chester, gentleman, in trust for my said wife during her life, and afterwards to pay thereout the several legacies next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, to George Harrison of the said city of Chester, surgeon, £500; to John Hincks now of Leeds, clerk to an attorney there, the son of William Hincks, £500; to Joseph Hutton of Leeds, Dissenting Minister, £500; to the said Henry Potts £300; to the said Charles Potts £300; to the said George Johnson £300, And I give £2000 out of the residue of the said trust funds to the said Henry Potts and Charles Potts to be applicable to the trusts and purposes hereinbefore declared concerning my own residuary estate. And I give all the residue of the residue of the real and personal estate which may be at my disposal by virtue of the said will of my said late brother, after the decease of my said brother William without issue then living, unto and amongst all the children of the said Henry Potts who shall be living at the time of my decease, share and share alike as tenants in common, &c.

Lastly I appoint my said wife Susanna Aldersey and the said Henry Potts executors of this my last will.

Dated 31 July 1824.

Robert Aldersey.

Witnesses,

William Henry Brown.

Saml. Brittain Jr.

Edward Legh Master.

Clerks to Mess¹⁸. Potts and Johnson of Chester.

CODICIL.

I revoke the bequest of the interest of £2000 to Elizabeth Aldersey for her life, and direct that the said sum of £2000 shall after my death be the absolute property of my said wife.

Dated 15 Sept. 1826.

Robt. Aldersey.

Witness,

Chas. Turner, Clerk to Mess¹⁵. Potts and Johnson, Chester.

CODICIL.

Whereas certain messuages, lands &c. at Esclusham in the parish of Wrexham, the property of the late Edward Bozley, stood mortgaged to my late brother Daniel Aldersey for securing £2000 (which was advanced in equal proportions by himself and Mrs. Anne Warrington of Bromborow), and upon the death of my said brother the legal estate in the said mortgaged premises descended to me as his heir at law subject to redemption, And whereas the said premises have never been redeemed, and I have lately purchased the equity of redemption in the same which I hold in trust as to one moiety thereof for the said Anne Warrington, Now I devise all the said premises to the said Charles Potts of Chester, gent., upon trust, with the consent of the said Anne Warrington, absolutely to sell the same, and

my share of the purchase money shall go to such person or persons as would under my said will have been entitled to my share of the mortgage money.

Dated 27 June 1829.

Rob^t. Aldersey.

Witnesses,

George Johnson of Chester. Chas. Turner, his Clerk. James O'Brien, Servant to Mr. Aldersey.

Codicil.

Whereas I have this day contracted with John Moore Esq. for the purchase of a mansion house called Sale Hall and lands &c., Now I hereby devise the same to Henry Potts and Charles Potts in my will named upon the trusts declared respecting the trust funds therein described as my own property as distinguished from the personal estate of my late brother Daniel Aldersey.

Dated 7 July 1832.

Robt. Aldersey.

Witnesses,

Martha Cochran of Chester Spinster. John Moore of Sale Hall in Cheshire. George Johnson of Chester.

Codicil.

Whereas since the making of my will Henry Potts Esq. therein named hath had another daughter born who has been christened Emma Susan, Now I hereby give the said Emma Susan Potts £1000 under the same circumstances in all respects as the legacies given to her brothers and sisters by my said will.

Dated 4 Dec. 1834.

Rob^t. Aldersey.

The Family of Aldersey.

Witness,

Geo. Cumming M.D., Chester.

Proved in London, with four Codicils, 26 Feb. 1835, by both executors.

Also proved at York 8 April 1835.

of the city of Chester, widow of Robert Aldersey late of the same city, Esquire.

I Susanna Aldersey of the city of Chester, widow of Robert Aldersey late of the same city, Esquire, do declare this to be my last will and testament. I desire to be buried in a decent and private manner, and that my funeral be attended only by Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall, Esq., and his two sons as chief mourners, by my executors hereinafter named, my medical attendants, my servants, and the clergyman officiating thereat.

I give to the said Samuel Aldersey all my plate, to be held by the person or persons who for the time being shall be entitled to Aldersey Hall, as heirlooms, and I give to the said Samuel Aldersey all the wine and liquors in my house at Chester at my decease, and such part of the household goods and furniture there (except the articles hereinafter specifically bequeathed) as he may choose to select. I give to Mrs. Loyd the wife of my friend Edward Loyd of Green Hill near Manchester, banker, the arm chair which is usually kept in the room over the dining room in my house at Chester, and I give the crimson leather arm chair in the front parlour of my Chester house to Mr. George Johnson my friend and executor hereinafter named. I give to

Samuel Jones Loyd, Esq., banker, the portrait of himself now in my possession; to Hugh Robert Aldersey, son of the said Samuel Aldersey, my late husband's gold watch with gold chain and three gold seals, also the antique silver family seal; to Thomas Aldersey, son of the said Samuel Aldersey, his late uncle Thomas Aldersey's gold watch with chain and two seals, and the antique family seal made of steel; to Susan Mary Aldersey, daughter of the said Samuel Aldersey, all my diamonds jewels and trinkets, my own gold watch with chain and seals, all my books china glass and wearing apparel, and also all the household goods plate linen and other effects (except carriages and horses) which may be in my house at Southport at my decease; to Henry Potts Esq. of Chester a copy of the portrait of my said late husband which I intend to have made for him; to the said Samuel Aldersey the portraits of his children, the said Susan Mary Aldersey and Lucy Anne Aldersey, the original portrait of my said husband, myself, and my sister, with all the other family portraits which shall be in my possession. I give my leasehold cottage with the appurtenances in Southport aforesaid, now in my own occupation, with all the furniture and effects, to Ralph Thicknesse the younger of Beech Hill within Wigan co. Lanc., Esq., and George Johnson of the said city of Chester, solicitor, upon trust to assign and convey the same to the said Susan Mary Aldersey when she shall attain the age of 21 years or marry, and if she die unmarried before the said age, then to the said Thomas Aldersey.

And as to the Sale Hall Estate purchased by my late husband and devised by him for my absolute benefit, and all the residue of my real and personal estates whatsoever, I devise and bequeath the same to the said Ralph Thicknesse and George Johnson upon trust to convert into money all my said personal estate, and to sell the said Sale Hall Estate and all other my real estate, and out of the money thereby raised to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, and the following legacies, that is to say, to George Harrison the elder of Chester aforesaid, surgeon, £1000; to the said Ralph Thicknesse £1000; to the said George Johnson £1000; to Thomas Norris late of Chester aforesaid but now of Rugby, Doctor of Medicine, £ 1000; to the Rev. Charles Massie, son of the Rev. Richard Massie of Eccleston, £500; (the legacies of any such legatees dying in my lifetime to be paid to their legal personal representatives;) to the trustees of the Chester Infirmary £ 100 for the use of the said Infirmary; to the trustees of the Boys Blue School in Chester towards the purposes of the Institution £100, and to the trustees of the Girls Blue School, St. Martins in the Fields, Chester, £100; to my servant Sarah Holloway, in case she shall be in my service at the time of my death, £300. And upon further trust out of the said trust moneys to lay out and invest the sum of £800 and pay the yearly interest thereof to my servant Mary Lewis during her life, and after her death the said sum to sink into and form part of my residuary estate. I also bequeath to the said Hugh Robert Aldersey £500 as a small token of my affection for him, and I desire him to understand that my sole reason for not making his share proportioned to that of his brother and sisters is that I know he is otherwise amply provided for; to the said Thomas Aldersey the sum of £6500; to the said Susan Mary Aldersey £4000; to the said Lucy Anne Aldersey £4000; and I give the residue of the said trust moneys and all other the residue of my real and personal estate and effects to the said Thomas Aldersey, Susan Mary Aldersey, and Lucy Anne Aldersey, in the following proportions, that is to say, to the said Thomas Aldersey one half part thereof, to the said Susan Mary Aldersey one fourth part thereof, and to the said Lucy Anne Aldersey the remaining fourth part thereof, with accruer to the others on the death of any of them under 21 and unmarried, and provisions for their respective maintenance, education and advancement. And it is my wish that the education of the said Thomas Aldersey, Susan Mary Aldersey, and Lucy Anne Aldersey shall be conducted on a liberal scale, and that in their education as well as in the application of the said trust moneys for their advancement the said trustees shall, whenever they can conveniently do so, consult with and avail themselves of the advice and assistance of the Rev. John Thornycroft of Thornycroft co. Chester, in whose honour and discretion I have entire confidence.

I appoint the said Ralph Thicknesse and George Johnson executors of this my will and trustees for the purposes aforesaid.

Dated 22 Oct. 1838.

Susanna Aldersey.

Witnesses,

Ra. Thicknesse Sen^r.

Beech Hill near Wigan.
Tho^s. Part, Attorney, Wigan.

Middle Aldersey purchased by Robert Aldersey alias Middle Aldersey purchased by Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, Esq., from the Mess¹⁸. Edwards in 1800, £1000 part of the purchase money being left on mortgage of the property and secured by a term of 1000 years. This mortgage was paid off and the term surrendered by the assignees of the mortgage to Samuel Aldersey, Esq. (the brother and heir of Robert Aldersey), 22 Sept. 1838.

This parcel contains the following deeds &c. going back to 1765 and relating to the family of Edwards of Chester, of whom John Edwards was a surgeon there:

- 28 and 29 January 1765. Settlement by John Edwards the elder of Great Ness co. Salop on his younger son John Edwards the younger of Chester, Surgeon, of a farm at Aldersey in the parish of Coddington.
- 29 and 30 April 1771. Further settlement of same hereditaments upon John Edwards the younger for his life, with remainder (subject to a rentcharge for his wife) to their first and other sons in tail with remainders over.
- of a Recovery to be suffered on a sale by John Edwards of Chester, Surgeon, and his son John Edwards the younger to Robert Aldersey of the Inner Temple, Esq., the uses being to the use of the Mess^{rs}. Edwards for a term of 1000 years to secure part of the purchase money left on mortgage of the property, and subject thereto to the use of Robert Aldersey in fee.

- 1 Sept. 1800. Transcript of Recovery suffered pursuant to last indenture.
- 21 Aug. 1801. Assignment of term of 1000 years by John Edwards to Philip Humberston.
- 13 May 1826. Assignment of term of 1000 years by Philip Humberston by the direction of Thomas Salmon to Martha Walley.
- 22 Sept. 1838. Surrender of term of 1000 years by Martha Walley to Samuel Aldersey on payment off of the above mentioned mortgage.

The following description of the premises is from the Recovery Deed of 19 and 20 Aug. 1800: A messuage or tenement &c. in Crooke Aldersey alias Middle Aldersey in the parish of Coddington co. Chester in the occupation of Robert Ruscoe, and the fields &c. thereto belonging called Slober Crofts, the Greens, the Rushy Ridding, the Sacks Croft in two fields, the Hollins Field, the Hollins Meadow, the Mill Meadow, the Cottage Croft, the Nearer Picas, the Dalds Meadow, the Middle Picas, the Little Salt grass and the Little Picas, and also another messuage cottage or tenem^t. with garden and plot of ground in the occupation of William Pennington.

mortgaged by the Rev. Samuel Aldersey and continued by his successors. These mortgages were from time to time transferred and passed into the hands of Daniel Aldersey of Chester, Esq., and from him to his brother Robert Aldersey of Chester, Esq., and were ultimately paid off, apparently in 1838, but the later deeds are missing.

There were two mortgages, one (created in 1771) for £1500 affecting lands in Aldersey, and the other (created in 1800) for £1200 affecting the manor of Aldersey and the rest of the Aldersey and Spurstow estates. There are also in this bundle a few earlier deeds dated 1733 and 1736 relating to mortgages of Aldersey Hall &c., but most of the earlier deeds relating to Aldersey Hall have been put together in a separate bundle (Nos. 178 to 204).

This parcel now contains the following deeds:

- 9 March 1733. Mortgage by Caldecot Aldersey and his daughter Jane Aldersey to Aaron Edwards for the term of 400 years to secure £60.
- 14 Oct. 1736. Assignment by George Warrington and others for a term of 500 years upon trust to attend the inheritance on payment off of £350 secured by a mortgage dated 25 May 1732.
- 21 Oct. 1736. Similar assignment by Aaron Edwards and Jane Aldersey of two terms of 400 years and 400 years on payment off of £60 and £350 secured by the above mentioned mortgages of 9 March 1733 and 25 May 1732.
- I July 1771. Bond of Samuel Aldersey and his son Robert Aldersey in favour of Thomas Dutton to secure £1500.
- 1 Aug. 1771. Mortgage by Samuel Aldersey and his son Robert Aldersey to Thomas Dutton as further security for £1500.
- 7 Aug. 1800. Assignment of last mentioned mortgage to Samuel Freeman.
- I May 1805. Assignment by Samuel Freeman to Elizabeth Buchanan of a charge dated 7 Aug. 1800 on Aldersey manor and the other Aldersey and Spurstow estates to secure £1200.

- I May 1805. Assignment by Samuel Freeman to Elizabeth Buchanan of the above mentioned mortgage of 1 Aug. 1771 (£1500).
- 31 Dec. 1812. Assignment by Elizabeth Buchanan to Daniel Aldersey of Chester of the above mentioned mortgage of 1 Aug. 1771 (£1500).
- 31 Dec. 1812. Assignment by Elizabeth Buchanan to Daniel Aldersey of Chester of the above mentioned charge of 7 Aug. 1800 (£1200).
- by Robert Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq., on 5 Oct. 1802 and mortgaged to the Misses Day-Jackson for £1000 in 1796 and 1802, which mortgages have been since paid off.

The deeds go back to 1757 and relate to the families of Massie of Coddington and Golbourne of Chealey, Huxley, and Barrow.

This parcel contains the following deeds:

- 24 Dec. 1757. Lease from Richard Massie of Coddington and his son John Massie to John Golbourne of Huxley for three lives.
- 14 Jan. 1777. Assignment by William Golbourne of Barrow to John Golbourne of Huntington co. Chester of moiety of leasehold hereditaments to which he was entitled under the will of his father John Golbourne (the lessee).
- 29 Oct. 1794. Release by Elizabeth Golbourne, widow of John Golbourne of Huxley, to John Golbourne of Chealey of her interest in the lease-hold hereditaments under her husband's will.
- 23 and 24 Sept. 1796. Conveyance by Thomas

Massie of Coddington and others to a trustee for John Golbourne in fee of the freehold reversion of the said hereditaments in Aldersey comprising 33a. 2r. 9p.

- 4 and 5 Oct. 1796. Mortgage in fee by John Golbourne to the Misses Day to secure £800.
- 4 and 5 Oct. 1802. Conveyance by the Misses Day-Jackson (formerly Day) and the devisees in trust and widow of John Golbourne of Chealey of the same hereditaments to the use of the Misses Day-Jackson for a term of 1000 years to secure the payment of £1000, and subject thereto to the use of Robert Aldersey in fee.

The following description of the premises is taken from the conveyance of 24 Sept. 1796: A messuage or tenement in Aldersey and fields called Bramwell's Croft, the House Field, the Oak Tree Field, the Moor, the Bullstich, the Ridding, Walker's Croft, the Townfield, Taylor's Croft, the Loon in the Wet Meadow, two Loons in the Small Moor, and two other Loons thereto nearly adjoining, in the occupation of John Goulborn under a lease for lives and containing 33a. 2r. 9p. or thereabouts.



GROUP No. 2.

DEEDS RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF ALDER-SEY OF MIDDLE ALDERSEY AND TO ALDER-SEY HALL.

c. 1330—1736.

150. (c. 1330.) Grant of lands &c. in Middle Aldersey, from Thomas Pesecod to Ellen daughter of John DE Codynton, clerk.

(Latin.)

ET all present and future know that I Thomas Pesecod have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Ellen daughter 7 of John de Codynton, clerk, those two messuages which Philip Scare and Houa de Aggeton formerly held of me to farm, lying together between my ditch and the curtilage of Robert my son, and 24 selions of land, as to the said Ellen were delivered, with all my meadows and pastures at the heads and sides (in capitibz & in lateribz) of the said selions, and one place which is called Le Mershtalle, with all the appurtenances in Middle Aldresey, and with the sixth part of the moiety of all the lordship and parcenary (dominij et pcenarie) of Middle Aldresey which contains the twelfth part of all the vill aforesaid, with all its appurtenances, To have and to hold to the aforesaid Ellen and her heirs by Robert son of Richard my son lawfully begotten, of the chief lords of the fee by the services thence due and of right accustomed, freely, quietly, well, and

in peace rightly and hereditarily for ever, with all the appurtenances, &c. &c. And if the aforesaid Ellen shall die without heir of her body lawfully begotten, or if divorce be had between the said Ellen and Robert, I will and grant that from thenceforth all the aforesaid messuages &c. shall wholly remain to John de Codynton, clerk, his heirs and assigns, to hold as aforesaid.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Sirs (dñis) Oliver de Ingham, now Justiciary of Chester, John de Arden, knights, William de Mulneton, Richard de Caurthyn, Patrick de Barton, William de Hampton, Robert Pesecod, and others.

[Not dated. Seal gone.]

151. (с. 1333.) Quitclaim from Thomas Pesecod of Middle Aldersey to Hugh del Halle of Clutton, of all his right in land in Middle Aldersey.

(Latin.) To all the faithful people of Christ to whom this present writing shall come, Thomas Pesecod of Middle Aldresey sends greeting in the Lord. Be it known that I have granted, demised, released, and absolutely from me and my heirs quitclaimed to Hugh del Halle of Clutton, his heirs and assigns, all the right and claim which I have or in any manner may have in those four selions of land with the appurtenances which the aforesaid Hugh had of the gift and feoffment of Richard my son in Middle Aldresey, So that neither I the said Thomas nor my heirs shall have any right or claim, rent, service, or distress, in the aforesaid four selions of land with the appurtenances.

These being witnesses, Patrick de Barton, Robert de

Haurthyn, Thomas de Broxun, William del Lee, Thomas le Bryd of Great Aldresey, and others.

On a slip of parchment sewn to the above is the following (in Latin):

M^d. that judgments (*iuditamta*) were made at Cristilton on Tuesday in the Vigil of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary [Sept. 8] 7 Edward III. [1333], where Hugh del Halle of Clutton recovered of John de Wauerton 40s.

[Round seal of brown wax.]

152. (c. 1333.) Grant of land in Middle Aldersey, from RICHARD PESECOD of Middle Aldersey to HUGH DEL HALLE of Clutton.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Richard Pesecod of Middle Aldresey have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Hugh del Halle of Clutton four selions of land in Le Rydyng, towards the field of Sir (dñi) Roger the chaplain, which Thomas le Bryd formerly held, with the appurtenances, in Middle Aldresey, To have and to hold to the aforesaid Hugh, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the services thence due and of right accustomed, freely, quietly, well, and in peace for ever.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Patrick de Barton, Robert de Haurthyn, Thomas de Broxun, William del Lee, Thomas le Bryd of Great Aldresey, and others.

[Not dated. Round seal of white wax, illegible.]

153. (c. 1335.) Grant of lands &c. in Middle Aldersey, from Thomas Pesecod to Richard his son.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I Thomas Pesecod have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to Richard my son all my lands and tenements, lordship and parcenary (pcenar), with the appurtenances, which I have in Middle Aldresey, except all those lands and tenements which I formerly gave to Ellen daughter of John de Codynton, clerk, and by my charter confirmed, in Middle Aldresey, To have and to hold to the said Richard for the whole of his life, of the chief lords of the fee, by the services thence due and of right accustomed, freely, quietly, well, and in peace. Also I will and grant for me and my heirs that after the decease of the said Richard all the said lands and tenements with the appurtenances, except as before excepted, shall wholly remain to Robert, son of the said Richard, and Ellen, daughter of John de Codynton, clerk, and the heirs between them lawfully begotten, to hold as aforesaid. And if it happen that the aforesaid Robert and Ellen die without heir between them lawfully begotten, I will and grant that all the aforesaid tenements with the appurtenances shall remain to the heirs of the aforesaid Robert, to hold as aforesaid for ever.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Sirs (dñis) Oliver de Ingham, now Justiciary of Chester, and John de Arden, knights, William de Mulneton, Patrick de Barton, Richard de Caurthyn, William de Hampton, Robert Pesecod, and others.

[Not dated. Seal gone.]

154. (с. 1340.) Grant from John DE Waverton to John his son, of the moiety of all his lands &c. in Middle Aldersey.

(Latin.) Let all present and future know that I John de Wauerton have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to John my son all the moiety of all my lands and tenements, with the messuages, curtilages, wastes, mills, and other the appurtenances, which I have the day of the making of this present charter in Middle Aldresey, To have and to hold to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns, of the chief lords of the fee, by the services thence due and of right accustomed, freely, quietly, well, and in peace.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, Patrick de Barton, Richard de Caurthyn, John de Codynton, Thomas le Bryd, Hugh son of Simon de Clutton, and others.

[Not dated. Round seal of white wax, not heraldic.]

HUGH WAVERTON of Caurthyn to RICHARD HUXLEY, son of WILLIAM HUXLEY, and ELLEN, daughter of John Aldersey, for 100 years.

(Latin.) This indenture made between Hugh Wauerton of Caurthyn, on the one part, and Richard Huxley son of William Huxley and Ellen daughter of John Aldersey, on the other part, Witnesseth that the aforesaid Hugh hath granted and demised to the aforesaid Richard and Ellen and the survivor of them all the messuages, curtilages, lands, tenements, and clearings (assartas), with their appurtenances, in the vill and territory of Clutton, To have and to hold to the aforesaid Richard Huxley and Ellen and the survivor of them for the term of 100 years next following after the date of these presents, yielding to the chief lords the services due and of right accustomed.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses, John Masey of Codynton, Robert Tatton, Philip Aldersey, Robert Masey, John Aldersey, and many others.

Given the 12 Nov. 9 Edward IV. [1469]. [Seal broken.]

156. (1501.) Grant of a messuage &c. in Spurstow, from John Aldersey to John Dod of Edge.

(Latin.) Let present and future know that I John Aldresay, senior, of Midle Aldresay, have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to John Dodde of the (del) Egge one messuage and 20 acres of land with the appurtenances in Spurstowe, To have and to hold to the said John Dodde, his heirs and assigns for ever, of the chief lord of the fee by the service thence due and of right accustomed.

[With clause of warranty.]

John son of Hugh Aldresay is appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

These being witnesses, Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamnet Hassall, and others.

Given at Spurstowe aforesaid the 10 July 16 Henry VII. [1501].

[Seal gone.]

With this and the next deed cf. Nos. 34 and 289-296.

of Middle Aldersey, of William, son of Robert Mascy of Coddington, as his attorney to receive seisin of land &c. in Spurstow.

(Latin.) Be it known to all by these presents that I John Aldresay, senior, of Medle Aldresay, have appointed and in my place constituted my welbeloved in Christ, William son of Robert Mascy of Codynton, my true and lawful attorney, to receive in my place and name, of Robert Mascy of Codynton, full and peaceful possession and seisin of and in one messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe, To have and to hold to me, my heirs and assigns for ever, according to the form and effect of a certain charter of feoffment to me by the said Robert thereof made.

Dated 10 July 16 Henry VII. [1501]. [Seal gone.]

of Chester, by John Aldersey of Chester to John Tatton of Chester and others.

(Latin.) To all the faithful people of Christ to whom this present writing shall come John Aldersey of Chester, son and heir of John Aldersey late of Middell Aldersey co. Chester, gent., sends greeting.

Be it known that I the aforesaid John Aldersey have given, granted, and by this my present charter confirmed to John Tatton of Chester, James Standishe of Duxbery co. Lanc., gent., Roger Bradshaw of Haw near Wigan co. Lanc., Esq., Ralph Aldersey, chaplain, John Lawley

of Wenloke co. Salop, gent., and William Davison of Chester, gent., nine messuages with the appurtenances lying in the city of Chester, in a certain lane called "white frere lane," and also one garden near the church of the Carmelite Brothers in the city aforesaid, and four acres of land lying in the fields of Hondbrigge, the which premises I lately had of the gift and grant of Elizabeth Palin, widow, daughter and heir of John Blimell, and William, son and heir apparent of the said Elizabeth, as by a certain charter thereof made, bearing date the 26th Sept. 7 Henry VIII. [1515], fully appears, and also one other messuage lying or being in "le est gate strete" in the city aforesaid, with all the appurtenances, To have and to hold to the said John Tatton &c. their heirs and assigns, to the use of me the aforesaid John Aldersey for the term of my life, and after my decease to the use of the aforesaid John Aldersey my son and heir during his life, with remainder to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of me the aforesaid John Aldersey for ever, of the chief lords of the fee by the service thence due and of right accustomed.

[With clause of warranty.]

Richard Manninge and Henry Ledesham of Chester are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

Dated 30 July 9 Henry VIII. [1517]. [Seal of brown wax.]

28 Augst. 9 Henry VIII. [1517]. Seisin delivered in the presence of Hugh Clarke, Richard Hurleston, John Harrison, tailor, with many others.

159. (1587.) Quitclaim by ROBERT DOD of Chester, gent., to THOMAS ALDERSEY of Middle Aldersey, co. Chester, gent., of all his right in certain lands &c. in Middle Aldersey.

Be it known to all men to whom these presents shall come that I Robert Dod of the city of Chester, gent., have released and quitclaimed for me and my heirs to Thomas Aldersaye of Myddle Aldersaye co. Chester, gent., all manner of writs and suits whatsoever, and all the messuages, lands &c. in Myddle Aldersaye aforesaid, now in the quiet possession and occupation of the said Thomas Aldersaye or his assigns, and to the which I the said Robert Dod did lately make claim.

Dated the 11th Sept. 29 Eliz. [1587].

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[Seal gone.]
Sealed and delivered in the presence of,
(Signed) Allin Tushinghame
Jhon constantine
John callcot of elston.

160. (1619-20.) Mortgage of two closes of land in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, by Robert Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent.

This Indenture made the 10th Feb. 17 James [1619-20], between Robert Aldersay of Aldersay co. Chester, gentleman, on the one part, and John Aldersay of Spurstowe co. Chester, gentleman, on the other part. Mortgage to the said John Aldersay of all those

two closes or parcels of ground in Myddle Aldersay co. Chester, whereof one is called the Medowefeild, and the other the Crofts, both in the occupation of John Carden of Coddington in the said county, yeoman. Proviso for the redemption of the said premises on payment to the said John Aldersay of £86 13s. 4d. on the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1623, at the now dwelling house of the said John Aldersay in Spurstowe aforesaid, between the hours of one and four in the afternoon.

There is mention of Anne, now wife of the said Robert Aldersay, and of Anne, now wife of Rauffe Litler, gent., and mother of the said Robert Aldersey.

(Signed) Robert Aldersey.

[Seal of reddish brown wax.]

Sealed and delivered in the presence of, (Signed) John Filston

14 Rang 12 Wylson 619. Thomas ffisher.

Seisin delivered by the within named Robert Aldersay to the within named John Aldersay in the presence of,

(Signed) Robert Hinton Hughe Aldresay Hughe Aldersay.

Endorsed on the back (in Latin):

Inrolled before the Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester the 14 March 17 James [1619-20].

Examined by me Peter Maynwaringe, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Chester aforesaid.

161. (1620.) Fine of land in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, between William Aldersey of Chester, alderman, plaintiff, and Robert Aldersey, gent., deforceant.

(Latin.) This is the final agreement made in the Court of the Lord the King at Chester, in the Common Hall of Pleas there, on Monday the 18 Sept. 18 James [1620], before Thomas Chamberlayne, knight, Justice of the said Lord the King at Chester, and Henry Touneshend, knight, another Justice of the said Lord the King for the county aforesaid, and other faithful people of the said Lord the King then there present. Between William Aldersay of Chester co. Chester, alderman, plaintiff, and Robert Aldersay, gent., deforceant, of 8 acres of land and 8 acres of pasture with the appurtenances in Middle Aldersay, whereby the said Robert acknowledged the said premises to be the right of the said William, as those which the said William had of the gift of the said Robert. And for this acknowledgment and agreement the said William hath given to the said Robert £100 of silver.

162. (1622.) Defeasance from WILLIAM ALDERSEY of the city of Chester, alderman, to Robert Aldersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., relating to a mortgage of lands in Middle Aldersey.

This Indenture made the 1st July 1622, between William Aldersey of Chester in the County of the city of Chester, alderman, on the one part, and Robert Al-

dersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., on the other part.

Whereas the said Robert Aldersey by his deed, bearing date the day of the date hereof, and other good assurances in the law, for the sum of £120, hath granted and confirmed to the said William Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever, all those three closes or parcels of land in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, that is to say, the Cockshutt field now or late in the occupation of one Urian Pulford, yeoman, and the Hall Croft and the Intack, now or late in the occupation of the said Robert Aldersey and of one Anne Litler, widow,

Now the said William Aldersey doth hereby covenant and grant that if the said Robert Aldersey his heirs or assigns shall pay to the said William Aldersey or his heirs the full sum of £144 on the feast day of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [June 24] 1624, at the now dwelling house of the said William Aldersey within the city of Chester, and also £4 10s. for the costs and charges of making and furnishing the conveyances and assurances of the said premises, then not only he the said William Aldersey but also Anne, his now wife, and the heirs of the said William shall reassure and convey to the said Robert Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for evermore, all the aforesaid premises.

(Signed) With Aldersey.

[Seal gone.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of,
(Signed) Georg: Caulueley
Nicholas Ince
John Dodde
Thomas Whitbie
John Hardware.

163. (1631.) Conveyance of lands in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, from John Aldersey of Hawarden co. Flint, Esq., to John Aldersey, gent., and Elizabeth his wife.

This Indenture made the 18th March 6 Charles [1630-1], between John Aldersey of Hawarden co. Flint, Esquire, son and heir of William Aldersey late of Chester in the county of the city of Chester alderman deceased, on the one part, and John Aldersey, gent., son and heir apparent of Robert Aldersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and Elizabeth now wife of the said John Aldersey, gent., and daughter of John Valentyne late of Beanecliffe co. Lanc., gentleman, deceased, on the other part.

[Conveyance by the said John Aldersey, Esq., with the consent of the said Robert Aldersey, in consideration of the sum of £250, to the use of the said John Aldersey, gent., and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of their bodies, with remainder to the use of the heirs of the body of the said John Aldersey, with remainder to the use of the said Robert Aldersey in fee, of all that one close or parcel of land in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of Raphe Lytler of Walloscote co. Chester, gent., and Anne his wife, commonly called the Hall field; one other field or parcel of land in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called the Cockshutt field, now late or heretofore in the occupation of the said Robert Aldersey; one other field or parcel of land in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called the Hall Croft, now late or heretofore in the holding of the said Raphe Litler and Anne his wife; and also one other close or parcel of land in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called the Intacke, now

late or heretofore in the occupation of the said Raphe Litler and Anne his wife.

There is mention of a lease of the said premises made to Philip Osborne by the said John Aldersey, Esq., Robert Aldersey, and John Aldersey, gent., by indenture bearing date the 17 March last past, for 10 years.

There is also mention of Katherin, wife of the said John Aldersey, Esq.

Philip Osborne, gent., and Robert Walker, yeoman, are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.]

(Signed) John Aldersey.

[Seal broken.]

Sealed &c. in the presence of,

(Signed) Kathrine Aldersey
Phillip Osborne
Hugh Caulueley
John Shone
his mke.

Seisin delivered to the within named John Aldersey, gent., the 22 March 6 Charles [1630-1], in the presence of,

(Signed) Hugh Caulueley
William Palyn senior
William X Palyn Junior
his marke.

164. (1636.) Lease, dated 2 June 12 Charles [1636], of two closes of land (the Meadow field and the Crofts) in Middle Aldersey, from Raphe Lytler of Aldersey, gent., and Anne his wife, to John Dale of Aldersey, husbandman, for 60 years, if the said Anne should so long live, at the yearly rents of £1 6s. 8d. and £5. [Two seals of reddish brown wax, one broken.]

165. (1637-8.) Release of lands in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, from Thomas Trafford of Bridge Trafford co. Chester, Esq., and others, to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent.

This Indenture made the 5 March 13 Charles [1637-8], between Thomas Trafford of Bridgtrafford co. Chester, Esq., and Mary his wife, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Richard Aldersey late of the city of Chester, gent., deceased, and William Mostyn, clerk, Parson of Christleton co. Chester, and Elizabeth his wife, one other of the daughters and co-heirs of the said Richard Aldersey, on the one part, and John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gentleman, on the other part, Witnesseth that Whereas soon after the death of William Aldersey late alderman of the city of Chester, father of the said Richard Aldersey and grandfather of the said Mary and Elizabeth, and according to the last will of the said William Aldersey a certain sum of money was deposited and delivered to the said John Aldersey in trust to be by him employed for the benefit of the said Mary and Elizabeth, being then infants of tender age, And whereas the said John Aldersey with the same money did purchase in his own name of Robert Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., all those two closes or parcels of land in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, called the Meadow Field and the Crofts, then in the occupation of John Carden of Coddington co. Chester, yeoman, ever declaring the same purchase to be made to the use of the said Mary and Elizabeth, their heirs and assigns for ever, And whereas the said John Aldersey hath lately accounted with the said Thomas Trafford and Mary his wife, and William Mostyn and Elizabeth his wife, for the stock of money so delivered to him, and hath given them full satisfaction for the same,

Now therefore the said Thomas Trafford and Mary his wife, and William Mostyn and Elizabeth his wife, have granted, remised, released, and confirmed to the said John Aldersey and his heirs, all the said closes or parcels of land, to have and to hold to him the said John Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever.

Robert Hinton, gent., is appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Thomas Trafford.

Mary Trafford.

[Two seals of reddish brown wax, one broken.] Witnesses,

(Signed) Thomas Aldersey
Peter Ince
John Palin.

166. (1638.) Release of lands in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, by Robert Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent.

To all men to whom this present writing shall come, I Robert Aldersay of Aldersay co. Chester, gent., send greeting.

Whereas the said Robert Aldersay by indenture bearing date the 10 Feb. 17 James [1619-20] did grant to John Aldersay of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., all those two closes or parcels of ground in Middle Aldersay co. Chester, called the Medowe Field and the Crofts, then in the occupation of John Carden of Coddington co.

Chester, yeoman, redeemable on payment to the said John Aldersay, his heirs or assigns, of £86 13s. 4d. on the feast day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary [March 25] 1623,

Now I the said Robert Aldersay do hereby acknowledge that the said sum was not repaid as aforesaid, and I release and quitclaim to the said John Aldersay, his heirs and assigns for ever, all my right and interest in the said premises.

Dated 10 June 14 Charles [1638].

(Signed) Robeart Aldersey.

[Armorial seal of red wax (de Alteribus and Malbank).] Witnesses,

(Signed) Jo: Moland (?).

Robert Hinton.

14 Rang. 4 Wylson 638.

John Palin.

167. (1638.) Deed to suffer a Recovery of lands in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, by Robert Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent.

Indenture made the 11 June 14 Charles [1638], between Robert Aldersay of Aldersay co. Chester, gent., on the first part, John Aldersay of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., on the second part, and William Raven of Elworth co. Chester, gent., and Thomas Edwardes of Kilhendrey co. Salop, gent., on the third part.

Deed to suffer a Recovery of the premises mentioned in deed dated 10 June 1638 (No. 166), to

The Family of Aldersey.

the use of the said John Aldersey his heirs and assigns for ever.

(Signed) Robeart Aldersey
W^m. Raven
Thomas Edwardes.

[Three armorial seals of red wax, of which the 1st is quarterly, 1 and 4 de Alteribus, 2 and 3 Malbank, the 2nd seal being a raven, and the 3rd seal quarterly, 1 and 4 a chevron engrailed between three [], 2 and 3 a lion rampant.]

168. Counterpart of deed No. 167.

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(Signed) Robeart Aldersey John Aldersey.

[Two armorial seals of red wax, of which the 1st is quarterly (as above) and the 2nd the arms of Aldersey.]

- 169. Transcript Recovery suffered 24 Sept. 14 Charles [1638], of 8 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, and 8 acres of pasture in Middle Aldersey.
- 170. (1639-40.) Lease of a parcel of land in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, by Hugh Calveley of Lea, Esq., to John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, gent., for the term of three lives.

Indenture made the 3 Feb. 15 Charles I. [1639-40], between Hugh Caulueley of Ley co. Chester, Esq., on the one part, and John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., on the other part.

Lease, in consideration of the surrender of a lease bearing date the 11 Sept. 15 James [1617] made by Sir George Caulueley, Knt., father of the said Hugh Caulueley, to Robert Aldersey, gent., father of the said John Aldersey, and also of the sum of £40, to the said John Aldersey of all that close or parcel of land commonly called The Butchers Field in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, now or late in the occupation of the said John Aldersey, and purchased by the said George Calueley of the said Robert Aldersey, to hold for the term of 99 years, if the said John Aldersey, Elizabeth his wife, and Peter Aldersey their son, or any of them so long live, at the yearly rent of 5s. and subject to the payment of 20s. on the death of any person dying tenant in occupation.

(Signed) Hugh Caulveley. [Seal gone.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Charles Dutton Robert Leigh Richard Madock John Carter.

171. (1641-2.) Mortgage of closes of land in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, by John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, gent., to Richard Carter, yeoman.

Indenture made the last day of January 1641[2] between John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, on the one part, and Richard Carter of Middle Aldersey aforesaid, yeoman, on the other part.

Mortgage for £200, to the said Richard Carter, of all those two closes and parcels of land in Middle

Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called the Cockshutt Field and the Old Intacke thereto adjoining on the north side, now or late in the holding of the said John Aldersey.

(Signed) John Aldersey.

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[Seals gone.] Aldrsey A.

Witnesses,

(Signed) George Caulueley
Thomas Pickering
Thomas Spanne.

Endorsed on the back:

March 18th 1653[-4]. Shewed to witnesses p Ro: Gregge.

Sept. 14, 1659. Shewed to witnesses by (Signed) John Leche
Ra: Davenport
Randle Tonna.

- 172. Fine of the above land, levied 18 April 18 Charles [1642], under the description of 20 acres of land, 4 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 1 acre of wood, and 1 acre of furze and heath in Aldersey alias Midle Aldersey.
- 173. (1691.) Lease of a messuage &c. called Manifold's Tenement in Great Aldersey, from Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Mary Aldersey, widow, for 69 years.

This Indenture made the 8 Dec. 3 William and Mary [1691], between Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co.

Chester, Esq., of the one part, and Mary Aldersey, widow, relict of Caldecot alias Caulkot Aldersey late of the city of Chester grocer deceased, of the other part,

Witnesses that the said Thomas Aldersey in consideration of the love and affection that he beareth to Caldecot Aldersey, son of the said Caldecot alias Caulkot deceased by the said Mary, and in commiseration of the low estate of the said Mary and Caldecot, and for the maintenance and education of the said Caldecot (being of the name and kindred of the said Thomas), and for that, the said Thomas Aldersey having obtained judgment for the lands hereafter mentioned, she the said Mary hath yielded possession of the same to the said Thomas without his further charges or trouble, he the said Thomas Aldersey hath demised and leased to the said Mary all that messuage, cottage, or tenement, with the appurtenances, commonly called Manifold's Tenement, now or late in the tenure of William Weaver, and all that croft or small parcel of land on the back of the said messuage, situate in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey co. Chester, To have and to hold to the said Mary Aldersey for the term of 69 years if she shall so long live, at the yearly rent of 4d.

And the said Thomas Aldersey doth hereby grant to the said Mary Aldersey during her life, the yearly sum of £5 out of all that close or parcel of land in Aldersey alias Middle Aldersey, commonly called Cockshute Field.

Provided always that the said Thomas Aldersey, his heirs and assigns, shall not be molested or hindered in the quiet and peaceable possession or enjoyment of the said messuage, Cockshute Field, or other the premises by any person or persons claiming under the last will of John Aldersey the elder, late of Aldersey, gent., de-

ceased, or under the said Caldecot alias Caulkot Aldersey, deceased.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) John Mottershed William Palin Geo. Vnwin.

174. (1691-2.) Underlease of Manifold's Tenement in Great Aldersey, by Mary Aldersey, widow, to Mary Hockenhull of the city of Chester, widow, her mother.

Indenture made the 4 Feb. 1691[-2], between Mary Aldersey, widow and relict of Cauldecott alias Caulkot Aldersey late of the city of Chester grocer deceased, of the one part, and Mary Hockenhull, widow, of the same city grocer, mother of the said Mary Aldersey, of the other part.

[Recites indenture dated 8 Dec. 1691 (No. 173).] And whereas the said Mary Hockenhull hath agreed and undertaken to keep and maintain the said Caldecott Aldersey and Anne Aldersey, infants and children of the said Mary Aldersey, with meat, drink, apparel, lodging, schooling, and all other necessaries, until they shall respectively attain the age of 14 years, if their mother so long live,

Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Mary Aldersey for the considerations aforesaid hath assigned to the said Mary Hockenhull and her assigns all the said messuage with the appurtenances (which are of the clear yearly value of 40s.) and all the goods in the said

messuage, and also the said yearly rent of £5, during the term of 12 years, if the said Mary Aldersey so long live.

(Signed) Mary Aldersey.

Mary Hockenhull.

[Two seals of red wax, not heraldic.] Witnesses,

(Signed) Hugh Knowles
Priscilla Knowles
Jona: Robinson.

175. (1696-7.) Surrender of her interest in Manifold's Tenement in Great Aldersey co. Chester, by Mary Hockenhull of Chester, widow, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.

To all people to whom this present writing shall come I Mary Hockenhull of the city of Chester, widow, send greeting.

Whereas I am lawfully possessed of a certain messuage with the appurtenances in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey co. Chester, commonly called Manifold's Tenement, and also of a yearly rent of $\pounds 5$, by virtue of a lease made by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq.,

Now I the said Mary Hockenhull for good considerations have granted and surrendered to the said Thomas Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever, all my right and interest in the said premises.

Dated 26 Jan. 1696[-7].

(Signed) Mary Hockenhull.

Witnesses,

[Armorial seal.]

(Signed) Samuell Payne

Cha: Griffith

Tho: Heatley.

176. (1543.) Settlement of messuages, lands &c. in Agton, Tilston, and Malpas co. Chester, and Brinnington co. Flint, on MATILDA ALDERSEY, widow, and her heirs.

(Latin.) To all Christian people &c. Peter Dutton, knight, Ralph Dutton, Esq., son of the said Peter, Thomas Dod and Ralph Aldersey, chaplains, send greeting.

Be it known that we have given, demised, and confirmed to Matilda Aldersey, late wife of Robert Aldersey deceased, all and singular our messuages, lands &c. in Agton, Tylston, and Malpas co. Chester, and Brynnynton co. fflynt, or elsewhere in the counties aforesaid, or within the Kingdom of England, which we lately had of the gift and feoffment of the said Matilda, according to the tenor of a certain Indenture of Covenant made between the aforesaid Robert Aldersey and Matilda his wife on the one part, and Randle Edo on the other part, for a marriage between John Aldersey, son and heir of the said Robert and Matilda, and Katherine Edo, daughter of the said Randle, To have and to hold to the said Matilda during her natural life, and after her decease to remain to the said John Aldersey and his heirs by the said Katherine lawfully begotten, remainder to the heirs of the body of the said John Aldersey lawfully begotten, remainder to the right heirs of the said Matilda for ever. Ralph Mannyng senior and Thomas Dod of Agton are appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

Dated 16 March, 34 Henry VIII. [1542-3].

(Signed) Perus Dutton ke.

[Seal broken.]

Rauffe Dutton.

[Seal gone.]

p me thome Dode capeland.

[Seal broken.]

p me Radulphū Aldersey cap.

[Seal gone.]

Endorsed on the back in English:

M^d. that this deed was executed the 27 Sept. 35 Henry VIII. [1543] at Brinynton within specified in the presence of Sir Thomas Dod, chaplain, Thomas Bedow, John Phylipp, and others.

Also at Malpas in Chesshyre in the presence of Sir Thomas Dod, chaplin, Rondull Yerdeley, Richard Yerdeley, Owen Blethen, Rondull Blethen, Rauff Blethen, and others.

177. (1546.) Grant of land in Great Aldersey town field, by John Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., to Thomas Aldersey his bastard son.

Be it known to all men by these presents that I John Aldersay of Aldersay co. Chester, gent., do by these presents give to Thomas Aldersay my bastard son and the heirs of his body for ever three butts of land in Great Aldersay town field which I the said John have now in my possession as right heir in fee tail, as in a deed bearing date the 10 May 9 Henry VII. [1494] more plainly doth appear.

Dated 25 Oct. 38 Henry VIII. [1546].

(Signed) p me Ihon Aldersay.

[Small seal of reddish brown wax, not heraldic.] Witnesses,

(Signed) Edward planckaie (?).

Hugh higinsones marke X.

Richard aldford.

178. (1635.) Settlement of the Hall of Aldersey in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, by Robert Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, gentleman.

This Indenture made the 24 July 11 Charles [1635], between Robert Aldersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., of the one part, and John Leech of Carden alias Cawarden co. Chester, gent., and Hugh Massie son and heir apparent of John Massie of Egerley co. Chester, gent., of the other part,

Witnesses that the said Robert Aldersey, in consideration of the natural love and affection which he beareth to John Aldersey his son and heir apparent, and also of the sum of £50 to be paid by him the said John Aldersey to the said Robert, hath granted and confirmed to the said John Leech and Hugh Massie all that capital messuage or house commonly called the Hall of Aldersey in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, and now or late in the occupation of the said Robert Aldersey, with all the buildings, lands &c. thereto belonging, and one close or parcel of land in Middle Aldersey aforesaid, commonly called the Greenes, To have and to hold to the use of the said Robert Aldersey for his life, and after his decease to the use of the said John Aldersey, his heirs and assigns for ever.

(Signed) Robeart Aldersey. [Seal gone.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) John Massie John Hulme.

179. (1655.) Lease for a month of the Hall of Aldersey in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, from John Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., to Jonathan Bruen, Esq., and Henry Birkenhead, Esq. (on mortgage to Thomas Upton, clerk).

Indenture made the 26 March 1655 between John Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., on the first part, Jonathan Bruen of ffoulke Stapleford co. Chester, Esq., and Henry Birkened of Backford co. Chester, Esq., on the second part, and Thomas Upton of the city of Chester, clerk, on the third part.

Lease for a month to the said Jonathan Bruen and Henry Birkened of all that capital messuage or tenement with the appurtenances called the Hall of Aldersey, in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, and all the lands thereto belonging, and also those yards called the Hempyord and Peaseyord, and also all those closes to the said messuage belonging, called the Hall Field, the Hall Croft, the Intacke, the Cockshutt Field, and the Green.

(Signed) John Aldersey.

J. Bruen.

Henry Birkhened.

Witnesses,

(Signed) Thomas Spanne.

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Thomas Bate.

John Jackson.

Jon. Woodward, Nory. pubt.

Jeffrey Russell.

Ric: Ollerhead.

180. (1655.) Fine, levied 30 April 1655, of one messuage, one dovehouse, one garden, one orchard, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, and common of pasture with the appurtenances in Middle Aldersey, between Thomas Upton, clerk, plaintiff, and John Aldersey, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, deforceants.

Consideration money £250.

181. (1657-8.) Conveyance of a capital messuage &c. in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, from John Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., and Peter his son and heir, to Anthony Rudyeard, Esq., and William Parker, gent.

Indenture made the 1st March 1657-[8] between John Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and Peter Aldersey son and heir apparent of the said John Aldersey, of the first part, Jonathan Bruen of ffowlke Stapleford co. Chester, Esq., Henry Birkenhead of Backford co. Chester, Esq., and Thomas Upton of the city of Chester, clerk, of the second part, and Anthony Rudyeard of Delacrasse Abbey co. Stafford, Esq., and William Parker of Parkehall co. Stafford, gent., of the third part.

Conveyance [qu. mortgage] in consideration of the sum of £400, to the said Anthony Rudyeard and William Parker, their heirs and assigns for ever, of all that capital messuage in Middle Al-

dersey co. Chester, &c. [as in deed dated 26 March 1655 (No. 179)].

(Signed) John Aldersey.

Peter Aldersey.

[Two seals.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Tho. Reynell.
Willi Heydon.
Peter Dutton.
N: Overbury.
Joseph Ward.
Richard Dauenport.

- 182. (1657-8.) Defeasance, dated 1 March 1657[-8], from Anthony Rudyeard and William Parker to John Aldersey and Peter, his son and heir apparent. [Not executed.]
- 183. (1658.) Fine, levied 19 April 1658, of one messuage, one orchard, one garden, 60 acres of land, 20 acres of meadow, 60 acres of pasture, 20 acres of furze and heath, and common of pasture for all manner of cattle, in Middle Aldersey, Crooke Aldersey, and Coddington, between Anthony Rudyeard, Esq., and William Parker, gent., plaintiffs, and John Aldersey, gent., and Peter Aldersey, gent., his son and heir apparent, deforceants.
- 184. (1658.) Lease for a month, dated 19 May 1658, of the Hall of Aldersey, &c. on transfer of mortgage by Thomas Upton of Chester, clerk, and others to Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, spinsters.

185. (1658.) Release of the Hall of Aldersey, &c. by Thomas Upton of Chester, clerk, and others to Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, spinsters.

Indenture made the 20 May 1658 between Thomas Upton of the city of Chester, clerk, Jonathan Bruen of foulke Stapleford co. Chester, Esq., and Henry Birkhened of Backford co. Chester, Esq., of the one part, and Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, spinsters, daughters of Thomas Lee late of Darnell co. Chester, Esq., deceased, of the other part.

Release [qu. transfer of mortgage] in consideration of the sum of £400, to the said Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, their heirs and assigns for ever, of all that capital messuage or tenement with the appurtenances, called the Hall of Aldersey, &c. [See deed dated 26 March 1655 (No. 179).]

(Signed) Thomas Upton.
J. Bruen.
Henry Birkhened.

[Three seals.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Theo. Langford.

Jeffery Russell.

John Kinsey.

186. (1658.) Defeasance, dated 21 May 1658, from MARGARET LEE and Anne Lee to John Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., concerning the above premises.

(Signed) Margaret Lee.

[Two seals.]

187. (1663.) Deed declaring the use of a Fine of the Hall of Aldersey, &c. to be levied by John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, gent., and others.

Indenture made the 5 June 1663 between John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and Mary his wife, John Aldersey, gent., son and heir apparent of the said John Aldersey, and Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, daughters of Thomas Lee late of Darnall co. Chester, Esq., deceased, of the one part, and Richard Acton and Henry Golborne both of the city of Chester, gentlemen, of the other part.

Covenant to levy a Fine of the Hall of Aldersey, &c. [see parcels in deed dated 26 March 1655 (No. 179), and close called Backhouse Croft], to the use of the said John Aldersey the father, his heirs and assigns for ever.

[There is mention of a lease of the aforesaid premises, (with the exception of the Cockshutt Field) made by the said John Aldersey the father, John Aldersey the son, Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, to William Slater of the city of Chester, gent., and Ellen his wife, for the term of 60 years at a peppercorn rent, dated 29 May 1663.]

(Signed) John Aldersey.

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Mary M Aldrsey.

John Aldersey.

Margaret Lee.

Anne Lee.

[Armorial seals, one gone.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Thomas Acton.
Tho: Spanne.
Simon Tildesley.

188. (1672.) Release of the Hall of Aldersey, &c., by John Aldersey, gent., and others, to Thomas Aldersey, gent., son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent.

Indenture made the 15 Nov. 24 Charles II [1672] between John Aldersey, gent., son and heir of John Aldersey late of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., deceased, Robert Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey, younger sons of the said John Aldersey deceased, and Mary Aldersey and William Warburton and Anne his wife, daughters of the said John Aldersey deceased, on the one part, and Thomas Aldersey gent., son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent., on the other part.

Recites Indenture of Lease of the Hall of Aldersey, &c., dated 29 May 1663, to William Slater of the city of Chester, gent., and Ellen his wife, for 60 years, at a peppercorn rent.

And whereas the said John Aldersey, deceased, by his last will in writing did devise all that his messuage wherein he did live, and all the lands therewith enjoyed, in Aldersey alias Great Aldersey co. Chester, and all that close or parcel of land commonly called the Cockshute field in Aldersey alias Middle Aldersey co. Chester, to Mary his wife during her life, and after her death he devised the said premises, and also the said capital messuage &c. demised to the same William Slater, after the said term, to Caulkot Aldersey, youngest son of the said John Aldersey deceased, and after the decease of the said Caulkot, to the said Robert Aldersey party hereto, with like remainder to the aforesaid Thomas Aldersey, with remainder to Mary Aldersey and Anne Warburton and to their heirs for ever,

Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said John Aldersey the son, Robert Aldersey, Thomas Aldersey son of John deceased, Mary Aldersey the daughter, William Warburton and Anne his wife, in consideration of the sum of £160 have granted and released to the said Thomas Aldersey son of Thomas, his heirs and assigns for ever, all the aforesaid premises.

(Signed) John Aldersey.

The marke of

Robert Aldersey.

The marke of

Thomas Aldersey.

The marke of

Mary M of Aldersey.

William

Warburton.

The marke of

Anne A Warburton.

[Seals gone.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Jo: Gleane.
Tho. Huxley.
James Morgan.

Endorsed on the back:

Oct. 1690. The within named Thomas Aldersey (son of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow) did make an actual entry into the said messuage in Great Aldersey and the said parcel of land called the Cockshute Field, and did claim the same premises as his inheritance.

189. (1693.) Mortgage of the Hall of Aldersey, &c. by the trustees for Robert Aldersey of Spurstow to Anne Slater of Plâs Chambres co. Denbigh, widow.

Indenture made the 5th May 1693 between John Kendrick of the city of Chester, gent., and Samuel Payne of the said city of Chester, gent., of the one part, and Anne Slater of Place Chambres in Henlin [Henllan] co. Denbigh, widow, of the other part.

Recites Indenture of Lease dated 29 May 1663 of the Hall of Aldersey, &c. [as in No. 188]; and that the said William Slater survived the said Ellen his wife, and afterwards intermarried with the said Anne Slater, party hereto; and also that the said William Slater by indenture dated 14 June 23 Charles II [1671] did assign to Thomas Griffith of Garn co. Denbigh, gent., and Robert Salusbury of Altvaynan [Galltfaenan] co. Denbigh, gent., all his term in the aforesaid premises, upon trust to the use of the said William Slater during his life, and after his death to the use of the said Anne, and after her death to the use of the executors or administrators of the said William Slater; and that the said William Slater made his last will in writing and appointed the said Anne sole executrix; and that the said Anne Slater by indenture dated the 10 April last past did assign the said premises to the said John Kendrick and Samuel Payne upon the nomination of Robert Aldersey son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., in consideration of £350, whereof £198 3s. 4d. is already paid.

It is witnessed that the said John Kendrick and

Samuel Payne assign the said capital messuage &c. to the said Anne Slater by way of mortgage for the purpose of securing the payment of £151 16s. 8d., the remainder of the said purchase money for the said premises.

(Signed) Jnº: Kendrick. Samuell Payne.

Witnesses,

(Signed) Joh. Legh.
Jon: Norbury.
George Unwin.

190. (1708.) Lease for a year, dated 6 May 1708, for purposes of settlement (No. 191).

191. (1708.) Settlement of Aldersey Hall in Middle Aldersey, &c. after the marriage of CALDECOTT ALDERSEY of London, merchant, and MARY his wife, daughter of John Loggan of St. Clements Danes co. Middlesex, merchant.

Indenture made the 7 May 1708, between Caldecott Aldersey of the city of London, merchant, and Mary his wife, of the first part, John Loggan of St. Clement Danes co. Middlesex, merchant, of the second part, and William Bissett of St. Margaret's, within the city of Westminster, Esq., and Thomas Willson of the city of Chester, maulster, of the third part.

Release, in consideration of a marriage already had between the said Caldecott Aldersey and the said Mary daughter of the said John Loggan, of Aldersey Hall in

Middle Aldersey co. Chester, heretofore in the occupation of William Slatter, gent., deceased, and now or late in the possession of Anne Slatter, widow; and all that messuage adjoining to Aldersey Green in Great Aldersey co. Chester, late in the occupation of Caldecott Aldersey, deceased, late father of the said Caldecott Aldersey party hereto; and all that field in Middle Aldersey called the Cockshutt Field, and all other hereditaments of the said Caldecott Aldersey in Great Aldersey or Middle Aldersey, to the following uses, that is to say, to the use of the said Caldecott Aldersey for life, remainder to the said Mary for her life, remainder to the first and other sons of the said Caldecott by the said Mary successively in tail, remainder to the daughters of the said Caldecott by the said Mary in tail share and share alike, remainder to trustees for a term of 500 years, remainder to the right heirs of the said Caldecott Aldersey.

Provided that if the said Caldecott Aldersey should pay to the said John Loggan or his executors the sum of £500 (in case the said Mary shall die without issue), the said term should cease.

(Signed) Caldecott Aldersey.

Mary Aldersey.

John Loggan.

[Three seals, not heraldic.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) W^m. Harvey.

James Shafto.

192. (1732.) Lease for a year, dated 24 May 1732, for purposes of next deed (No. 193).

193. (1732.) Deed to lead the uses of a Recovery of Aldersey Hall, &c. to be suffered by CALDECOTT ALDERSEY, gent., and JANE ALDERSEY his only child.

Indenture made the 25 May 1732, between Caldecot Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, gent., and Jane Aldersey of the city of London, spinster, only child and heir apparent of the said Caldecot Aldersey, of the first part, George Warburton of the city of Chester, gent., and John Jones of Boughton co. Chester, yeoman, of the second part, George Warrington of the city of Chester, gent., of the third part, Thomas Caldecot of Bickley co. Chester, gent., and William Vizer of the city of Chester, gent., of the fourth part.

Release to lead the uses of a Recovery to be suffered of Aldersey Hall with the appurtenances in Middle Aldersey co. Chester, and all other the messuages, lands &c. of the said Caldecot Aldersey and Jane Aldersey, in Great Aldersey and Middle Aldersey co. Chester, and also of all that messuage and tenement with the croft belonging to it, adjoining to Aldersey Green in Great Aldersey aforesaid, late in the possession of Caldecot Aldersey, deceased, late father of the said Caldecot, party hereto, to the use of the said George Warburton and John Jones for a term of 500 years to secure £350, remainder to the said Jane Aldersey for a term of 400 years to secure £300, remainder to the said Caldecot Aldersey for his life, remainder to the said Jane Aldersey for her life, remainder to her first and other sons in tail, remainder to her daughters in tail, remainder to the right heirs of the said Caldecot Aldersey for ever. Power for the said Caldecot Aldersey and Jane Aldersey during their joint lives and for the said Caldecot Aldersey if he should survive the said Jane Aldersey (subject to the two terms of years) to revoke the uses and declare other uses.

(Signed) Calde: Aldersey.

Jane Aldersey.

Geo. Warburton.

John Jones.

Geo. Warrington.

[Armorial seals.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) John Edwards.

Elias Price.

George Price.

William Walter.

J. Chamberlayne.

John Bowman.

James Lowrie.

194. Duplicate of deed No. 193.

of London, spinster, to Jane Morgan, widow, relating to a lease of Aldersey Hall, &c.

Indenture made the 1st July 1732, between Jane Aldersey of London, spinster, of the first part, Caldecot Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, gent., of the second part, and Jane Morgan, widow and administratrix of Henry Morgan, late of Boughton co. Chester, gent., of the third part.

Recites deed dated 25 May 1732 [No. 193], and that the said Caldecot Aldersey in the year 1716

granted a lease of Aldersey Hall &c. to Henry Morgan of Boughton, gent., for 13 years from the 1st May 1723, which said Henry Morgan is since dead. The said Jane Aldersey hereby covenants that the said Jane Morgan, widow, shall hold the said premises during the remainder of the said term. And the said Jane Aldersey covenants with the said Caldecot Aldersey that she will not assign the term of 400 years limited to her by the recited Indenture without the consent of the said Caldecot Aldersey. (Signed) Jane Aldersey.

[Seal, a swan.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) John Bowman. Geo: Eccles.

- 196. (1732.) Transcript of Recovery, dated 15th Sept. 1732, by Thomas Caldecott and William Vizier against George Warburton and John Jones (Caldecott Aldersey and Jane Aldersey vouchees) of a capital messuage, another messuage, 2 gardens, 2 orchards, 20 acres of land, 10 acres of meadow, 20 acres of pasture, 15 acres of furze and heath, &c. in Great Aldersey and Middle Aldersey.
- 197. (1736.) Articles of Agreement made previous to the sale of Aldersey Hall, &c. to Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc.

Articles of Agreement made the 21st June 1736 between Caldecot Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, gent., and Jane Aldersey of the same place, spinster, his only child and heir apparent, of the one part, and

Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., of the other part.

First the said Caldecot Aldersey and Jane Aldersey agree to sell to the said Samuel Aldersey for the sum of £1150 all that capital messuage called Aldersey Hall, &c. [See deed dated 25 May 1732 (No. 193).]

And the said Samuel Aldersey covenants to grant to the said Caldecot Aldersey and his assigns, a lease of all that messuage or cottage with the croft thereto adjoining to Aldersey Green in Great Aldersey, and a seat or pew adjoining to the Reading Desk and Pulpit in the Parish Church of Coddington co. Chester, for the term of the life of the said Caldecot Aldersey, at the yearly rent of 6d.

(Signed) Calde: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal—1 & 4 Aldersey, 2 & 3 Standish.]

Jane Aldersey.

[Seal not heraldic.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Thos. Evanson.

Jo: Lancaster.

John Lewis.

- 198. (1736.) Lease for a year, dated 28 Sept. 1736, for purposes of next deed (No. 199).
- 199. (1736.) Conveyance, dated 29 Sept. 1736, in consideration of the sum of £1150, by CALDECOT ALDERSEY of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, gent., and JANE ALDERSEY of the same place, spinster, his only child, to Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan co. Lanc., of the capital messuage called Aldersey Hall

in Middle Aldersey, and the closes thereto belonging called the Hempyard, the Peaseyard, the Dovehouse Croft, the Hall Field, the Hall Croft, the New Intack, and the Greens containing 24 acres (Cheshire measure), in Middle Aldersey, a messuage and croft adjoining Aldersey Green in Great Aldersey containing about 2 acres (Cheshire measure), and a field called Cockshutt Field (then divided into two closes) in Middle Aldersey containing 10 acres (Cheshire measure).

(Signed) Calde: Aldersey.

Oct. 1736.

[Armorial seal—1 & 4 Aldersey, 2 & 3 Standish.]

Jane Aldersey.

[Armorial seal as above.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) John Lewis.

Jo: Lancaster.

Thos: Evanson.

- 200. (1742.) Lease for a year, dated 20 April 1742, for purposes of next deed (No. 201).
- 201. (1742.) Mortgage, dated 21 April 1742, of Aldersey Hall and lands &c. in Middle Aldersey, and a messuage and lands in Great Aldersey co. Chester, by Thomas Aldersey of Wigan co. Lanc., Doctor in Physic, to Dame Elizabeth Broughton of Drayton co. Salop, widow, in fee simple to secure £600 and interest.

(Signed) T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal—1 & 4 de Alteribus, 2 & 3 Aldersey.] Eliz. Broughton.

[Armorial seal.]

202. Duplicate of Deed No. 201.

203. (1762.) Lease for a year, dated 3 June 1762, for purposes of next deed (No. 204).

204. (1762.) Reconveyance, dated 11 June 1762, of Aldersey Hall and other hereditaments comprised in the Mortgage of 21 April 1742 (No. 201) by Sir Brian Broughton Delves, Bart., grandson and heir at law of Dame Elizabeth Broughton, and Sir Rowland Hill, Bart., surviving executor of her Will, to the Revd. Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, in fee simple.

(Signed) Brian Broughton Delves. Rowl. Hill.

[Seals, a crest.]

NOTE.

These last deeds (Nos. 200—204) are tied up in the same bundle with the rest of the Aldersey Hall deeds (Nos. 178-199), but they relate to the property after it came into the possession of the family of Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow, and not to the family of Aldersey of Middle Aldersey.



GROUP No. 3.

MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS, LEASES, &c., RELATING TO MESSUAGES, LANDS, &c., IN ALDERSEY (1600-1789).

205. (1600.) Conveyance, dated 26 Feb. 42 Eliz. [1599-1600], of a messuage and land &c. in Aldersey co. Chester, then in occupation of Thomas Manifolds, by Oliver Walker of Aldersey, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Walker his eldest son and Margarethis wife, and Robert Walker his second son, to Thomas Manifolds of Aldersey, yeoman, in fee simple. Mention is made of a lease dated 31 May 21 Eliz. [1579] by the said Oliver Walker to the said Thomas Manifolds of the same premises for the lives of the said Thomas Manifolds and Katherine his wife and of one Raffe James and of the survivor of them.

(Signed) Oliver Walker.
Thomas Walker.
Robert Walker.

[Seals gone.]

206. (1600.) (Latin.) Feoffment, dated 26 Feb. 42 Eliz. [1529-1600], of a messuage and land &c. in Aldersey co. Chester, then in the occupation of Thomas

Manifolds, by Oliver Walker of Aldersey, yeoman, Thomas Walker, his son and heir apparent, and Robert Walker, another son of Oliver Walker, to Thomas Manifolds in fee simple. John Golborne, gent., is appointed their attorney to enter and deliver seisin accordingly.

(Signed) Oliver Walker.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

Thomas Walker.

[Do.]

Robert Walker.

[Seal gone.]

Mem. endorsed of livery of seisin 6 March 42 Eliz. [1599-1600] in the presence of

John Birkhened.
John Horton thelder.
John Horton the yonger.
Hugh Aldersay.
Jo. Leghe.

- 207. (1600.) (Latin.) Chirograph Fine, dated 23 June 42 Eliz. [1600], of one messuage, one acre of land, and one acre of pasture in Aldersey, between Thomas Manifolds Plaintiff and Oliver Walker and Elizabeth his wife, Thomas Walker and Margaret his wife, and Robert Walker Deforciants. Consideration 40 lbs. of silver.
- 208. (1605.) Quitclaim, dated 5 Aug. 3 Jac. [1605], by ROBERT WALKER of Great Aldersey, yeoman, to Thomas Manifolds of Great Aldersey, yeoman, of all his right in all those messuage, lands &c. of the said Thomas Manifolds in Great Aldersey aforesaid

whereof the said Thomas by his deed dated 24 June 44 Eliz. [1601-2] enfeoffed John Hare of London, salter, Richard Leonard of Aldersey co. Chester, Robert Aldersey of Cholley co. Chester, and Anthony Edge of Hanley co. Chester, and their heirs to the uses &c. therein expressed.

(Signed) Robert Walker.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

Manifolds of Great Aldersey, yeoman, to Robert Williamson of Clutton co. Chester, yeoman, and John Hare of London, salter, of all his messuages, lands &c. in Great Aldersey co. Chester or elsewhere in England, to the uses &c. declared by a pair of indentures of even date therewith made between the said Thomas Manifolds of the one part and Hugh Williamson of Chowley co. Chester and Robert Williamson of Clutton of the other part.

The mark of

Thomas T Manyfold.

[Seal gone.]

Mem. endorsed of livery of seisin in the presence of John Acton.

John Aldersey.

Hughe Aldersay.

210. (1612.) (Latin.) Quitclaim, dated 31 Jan. 1611[-12], by George Hutchins of Hanley co. Chester, yeoman, to Hugh Calveley of Mylton co. Chester, yeoman, of all his right in certain parcels of land lying in Great Aldersey called the Gorstye Crofte.

(Signed) George Hitchin.

[Seal of red wax.]

JOHN ALDERSEY of Spurstowe, gent., to Thomas Mottershead of Aldersey, yeoman, of a cottage &c. in Aldersey where the said Thomas Mottershead then lived, and of a close in Aldersey aforesaid called Little Wood then in the occupation of the said Thomas Mottershead, To hold for the lives of the said Thomas Mottershead and Anne his wife and James Mottershead their son and the survivor of them, in consideration of £8 paid and at the yearly rent of £3 and subject to the payment of the best beast or 40s. as a herriott on the death of the principal tenant. Hugh Aldersey is appointed attorney to enter and deliver seisin.

(Signed) John Aldersey. [Seal gone.]

- 212. Counterpart of Lease No. 211.
- JOHN ALDERSEY of Spurstowe, gent., to Thomas Mottershead of Great Aldersey, husbandman, of a close of land in Great Aldersey called the Gorstie Crofte late in the occupation of John Dale of Great Aldersey, yeoman, To hold for the lives of James Mottershead, Thomas Mottershead and Anne Mottershead, sons and daughter of the said Thomas Mottershead, in consideration of £10 paid and at the yearly rent of 2s. Liberty granted to make a

marl pit. Hugh Aldersay appointed attorney to enter and deliver seisin.

(Signed) John Aldersey.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) Frances Aldersay.

x Charles Hughes.

× John Bromehull.

214. Counterpart of Lease No. 213.

215. (1646.) Lease, dated 2 Dec. 22 Car. [1646], by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., to Thomas Mottershead of Aldersey, husbandman, of a messuage &c. in Aldersey lately inhabited by Hugh ALDERSEY deceased, and several closes called Meg Davie's Wood, the Great Wall Crofte, the Little Wall Crofte, the Gorstie Hey, the Further Wood, and the Spert &c., To hold for the lives of the said Thomas MOTTERSHEAD and JULIAN his wife and JOHN CARTER, son of John Carter of Aldersey yeoman, and the survivors of them, in consideration of £90 paid and at the yearly rent of £6. Liberty reserved for the lessor to sink a bryne pit in the Spert, allowing to the lessee an abatement of rent at the rate of $f_{s,3}$ 10s. for the whole field and so in proportion for a less quantity. Covenant by the lessor to allow the substitution of one new life at any time within the next seven years on payment of \mathcal{L} 10.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey.

[Seal gone.]

Witnesses,

(Signed) John Aldersey.

Elizabeth Aldersey.

James Mottershead.

216. (1648.) Settlement, dated 29 Aug. 24 Car. [1648], on the marriage of James Mottershead of Aldersey, yeoman, with Anne Maseren, daughter of John Maseren of Agton co. Chester. Covenant by the said James Mottershead with John Nevitt of Tussingham co. Chester, yeoman, and Hugh Higgenson of Cholley co. Chester, to assure before the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.] next the several closes called the Hall Crofts and the Medowe Feilde in Aldersey aforesaid to the said John Nevett and Hugh Higgenson in fee simple. Declaration that they shall stand seised thereof to the use of JAMES Mottershead for life, with remainder (as to the Hall Crofts and a moiety of the Medowe Feild) to Anne Maseren his intended wife for life, with remainder (as to all, but subject as aforesaid) to the heirs of the body of the said JAMES MOTTERSHEAD and Anne Maseren, with remainder to the heirs of the body of the said JAMES MOTTERSHEAD, with remainder to the right heirs of the said JAMES MOT-An option is given to the owner of TERSHEAD. the inheritance to allow the said Anne Masefen an annuity of £8 in lieu of the estate limited to her.

(Signed) James Mottershead.

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

217. (1652.) Counterpart lease, dated 25 May 1652, by PETER DUTTON of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to THOMAS PULFORD of Malpas co. Chester, yeoman, of a messuage in Crooke Aldersey then or late in the occupation of Ellinor Pulford, the mother of the said Thomas Pulford, and several closes called the Salt Gresse Meddow, the Crosse Field, the Peare Tree Yardes, the halfe of the Twinne Brookes, the Hollen Field, the Barne Crofte, the halfe of ye Bridge Meddow, the House Yardes, &c., To hold for the lives of the said Thomas Pulford, Margaret his wife and Thomas their son, and the survivor of them, in consideration of losses incurred by URIAN PULFORD, late father of the said Thomas Pulford, on behalf of PETER DUTTON, late father of the said PETER DUTTON, at the yearly rent of £4 and other payments and services as therein mentioned and subject to the covenants therein contained.

(Signed) Thomas Pulford.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

Mem. endorsed that, whereas the other half of the Bridge Meddow belonged to a tenement inhabited by Anne Dutton, it was agreed between the parties that Thomas Pulford and Anne Dutton should every year exchange their parts according to the usual custom.

218. (1653.) Counterpart Lease, dated 1 Jan. 1652[-3], by Peter Dutton of Hatton, Esq., to John Palen of Aldersey, yeoman, of a messuage and lands in Aldersey then in the occupation of the said John

PALEN, To hold for the lives of MARY PALEN his wife and John Palen their son, in consideration of £80 paid and the surrender of a former lease to William Monkes of Waverton for three lives, at the yearly rent of 195. and other payments and services as therein mentioned and subject to the covenants therein contained.

(Signed) John ‡ Palen his marke.

DUTTON of Hatton co. Chester, Esquire, to Anne DUTTON of Aldersey, widow, of a messuage and lands in Aldersey then in her occupation, To hold for a term of 99 years if Richard Smith of Broxton the younger (son of Richard Smith of Broxton, yeoman) and Elizabeth Dutton and Anne Dutton her daughters or the survivor of them should so long live, in consideration of £150, at the yearly rent of 17s. 9d. and other payments and services as therein mentioned and subject to the covenants therein contained.

(Signed) Peter Dutton. [Seal of red wax.]

Mem. endorsed that the said Anne Dutton should hold the premises for ten years (certain), whether the persons mentioned in the Lease should live or die, and also that she should enjoy her part of the Bridge Meadow according to custom, that is exchanging one for the other every year. 220. Counterpart of Lease No. 219.

PETER DUTTON of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to John Smith of Rushall co. Chester, husbandman, of a messuage and lands in Aldersey late in the occupation of John Batterath of Aldersey, yeoman, To hold for a term of 99 years if the said John Smith and Jane Batterath (wife of the said John Batterath) or the survivor of them should so long live, in consideration of £200 paid, and at the yearly rent of £2 and other payments and services as therein mentioned and subject to the covenants therein contained.

(Signed) John Smith.

[Seal of red wax, not heraldic.]

Attached is a schedule as follows:

"A Schedule

Imp^{ms} the Howse Barnes buildings orchards and gardens. One day math in Smith moore. The ditch croft, the little Bancks meadowe, one day math in the whyte meadow, the little townefeild, the great townefeild. The Grine croft & the Grine crofts meadow, the Ashyeards & the Moore att ye end of it, the Pare tree croft & the Moore att the end of it. The Butt by Mercy wth Comon of pasture. The Dungtitch and the moore at end of itt."

DALE of Aldersey, yeoman, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., of a messuage &c. in Aldersey and several closes called the Crofte adjoining to the house, The Wooleyes, The Great Pottesmore, The Little Pottesmore, The Great Middle Feild and the little Middle feild, which had been demised by John Aldersey late of Spurstow, father of the said Thomas Aldersey, to John Dale late of Aldersey, yeoman, father of the said Ralph Dale, for the lives of the said John Dale and Jane his wife and the said Ralph Dale, the said John Dale and Jane his wife having both since died.

The mark of R Raph Dale.
[Seal of red wax.]

223. (1655.) Conveyance, dated 22 June 1655, by Thomas Manifolds of Great Aldersey, yeoman, to Thomas Upton of the city of Chester, clerk, in fee simple of a messuage and lands &c. at Aldersey then or late in the occupation of the said Thomas Manifolds, in consideration of £39.

(Signed) Thomas Manifolds. [Seal of red wax.]

224. (1655.) Bond, dated 22 June 1655, of Thomas Manifolds of Great Aldersey in favour of Thomas Upton of the city of Chester, clerk, in the sum of £100, to secure the performance of the covenants in a pair of indentures of even date therewith.

(Signed) Thomas Manifolds. [Seal of red wax.]

225. (1658.) Lease for a year, dated 17 Dec. 1658, of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 226).

CALVELEY of Hanley with Milton co. Chester, gent., to RICHARD MOULTON of Waverton otherwise Warton co. Chester, yeoman, in fee simple of a messuage &c. in Great Aldersey and several closes in Great Aldersey as follows: the croft by the house, the two towne Feilds, Smethmore croft and meadowe, the Lower Hey, the Rowe meadowe, two day math in Smethmoore, and \(\frac{3}{4}\) of a day math in the weete meadowe, in consideration of £349.

(Signed) George Calveley. [Seal of red wax.]

227. (1659.) Defeasance, dated 18 Jan. 1658[-9], from RICHARD MOULTON of Waverton otherwise Warton, yeoman, to George Calveley of Milton with Hanley, gent., of a messuage and lands &c. in Great Aldersey, conveyed by the said George Calveley to the said RICHARD MOULTON, on payment by the said George Calveley to the said RICHARD MOULTON on 2 Feb. 1663[-4] of £350. In default of payment as aforesaid, and on payment by the said RICHARD MOULTON to the said George Calveley of the further sum of £10, the premises were to belong to the said RICHARD MOULTON absolutely.

Richard R M Moulton his marke.

[Seal of red wax.]

- 228. Counterpart of Defeasance No. 227.

 (Signed) George Calveley.

 [Seal gone.]
- 229. (1659.) Chirograph Fine, dated 25 April 1659, between Richard Moulton, yeoman, Plaintiff and George Calveley, gent., and Anne his wife Deforciants, of one messuage, one orchard, one garden, 16 acres of land, 5 acres of meadow, 16 acres of pasture, 5 acres of furrs and heath, and of comon of pasture in Great Aldersey, in consideration of 50 pounds of silver.
- GEORGE CALVELEY of Hanley cum Milton co. Chester, gent., to RICHARD MOULTON of Waverton alias Warton co. Chester, yeoman, of all his right in a messuage and lands in Great Aldersey [by same description as in No. 226], in consideration of £10.

 (Signed) George Calveley.

 [Seal gone.]
- GEORGE CALVELEY of Milton co. Chester, gent., to Anthony Hutchins of Chester, tanner, of a yearly rent of 3s. 6d., issuing out of a close of land formerly divided into several parts called the higher Hey in Aldersey, theretofore parcel of the lands of Hugh Calveley deceased, father of the said George Calveley, and then in the possession of the said Anthony Hutchins, in consideration of 4os.

(Signed) George Calveley. [Seal gone.]

- 232. (1662.) Lease for six months, dated 16 Aug. 1662, of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 233).
- 233. (1662.) Release, dated 18 Aug. 1662, by John Leech of Carden co. Chester, Esq., to Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., in fee simple of messuages and tenements &c. situate in Aldersey then or late in the occupations of Thomas Pulford and John Smith, and also of another messuage &c. in Warton. (Signed) John Leche.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

PETER DUTTON of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to RANDLE DOD of Edge co. Chester, Esq., and John Stringer of Crew co. Chester, gent., of premises comprised in lease to John Smith of Rushall dated 15 Nov. 1653 (No. 221), To hold for 99 years from the determination of the said lease if Edward Dutton, a younger son of the said Peter Dutton, should so long live, in trust for such persons as the said Peter Dutton should by deed or will appoint, and in default of appointment in trust for the said Edward Dutton.

(Signed) Peter Dutton.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 236).

236. (1662.) Release, dated 20 Oct. 1662, by Peter DUTTON of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to Thomas ALDERSEY of Spurstowe co. Chester, Esq., in fee simple of messuages and lands in Aldersey thereinafter mentioned, viz.: a messuage and lands &c. in the occupation of Thomas Pulford [see No. 217], a messuage & lands &c. in the occupation of Joнn SMITH [see No. 221], a messuage and lands &c. in the occupation of RICHARD SMITH [see No. 219] and a messuage and lands &c. in the occupation of John Palin [see No. 218], also \frac{1}{2} of the manor or lordship of Aldersey, and one chief rent or yearly payment reputed to be 4d. issuing out of the capital messuage and lands thereto belonging in Midle Aldersey called the Hall of Aldersey and then or late in the occupation of John Aldersey, gent., and all other lands &c. in Great Aldersey Midle Aldersey and Crooke Aldersey, in consideration of £800. Mention is made of KATHERINE wife of the said PETER DUTTON, PETER DUTTON deceased father of the said Peter Dutton, and Edward Dutton deceased grandfather of the said PETER DUTTON.

(Signed) Peter Dutton.

[Seal wrapped in canvas covering.]

237. (1663.) Appointment, dated 31 March 1663, by Peter Dutton of Hatton, Esq., in exercise of the power given him by the reversionary lease of 8 Oct. 1662 (No. 234) of the beneficial interest in the premises comprised in such lease, in trust for George

Huxley the younger of Brindley co. Chester, gent., for the residue of the term granted by such lease, in consideration of £30.

(Signed) Peter Dutton. [Seal of red wax.]

238. (1665.) Lease, dated I March 1664[-5], by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to James Mottershead of Aldersey, yeoman, in consideration of the surrender of three leases and of the payment of £50, of a cottage and lands comprised in three leases, viz.: the three forlownes, and the little wood, the Gorstie croft, and the further Woolleys, To hold for the lives of the said James Mottershead, John Mottershead his son, and Anne Mottershead his daughter, at the yearly rent of £5125. od. and other payments. John Carter is appointed attorney to enter and deliver seisin.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey. [Seal of red wax.]

Witnesses,

Elizabeth Aldersey senior. Elizabeth Aldersey junior.

239. Counterpart of Lease No. 238.

240. (1667.) Mortgage, dated 2 Sept. 1667, by George Hutchins of Hanley co. Chester, yeoman, and Anthony Hutchins of Chester, tanner, to William Moulton of Faddeley co. Chester, gent., in fee

Hey theretofore in the possession of the said Anthony Hutchins and lately in the occupation of John Horton, to secure £110. Mention is made of Margaret wife of the said George Hutchins, and Anne wife of the said Anthony Hutchins.

(Signed) Geo. Hutchins. [Seal gone.]

Anthony Hutchins.

[Seal of red wax.]

Mem. endorsed of livery of seisin.

- 241. (1667.) Chirograph Fine, dated 23 Sept. 19 Car. 2 [1667], between William Moulton Plaintiff and George Hutchins and Margaret his wife and Anthony Hutchins and Anne his wife Deforciants, of 12 acres of land in Aldersey.
- 242. (1667.) Assignment, dated 1 Sept. 19 Car. 2 [1667], by George Hutchins of Handley, yeoman, to John Moulton of Faddeley, gent., of a close called the Higher Hey in Aldersey then in the possession of John Horton, for the residue of a term of 21 years granted to the said George Hutchins by Anthony Hutchins his son by lease dated 20 March 17 Car. 2 [1665], upon trust for William Moulton father of the said John Moulton, subject to redemption as further security for £110 lent to the said Anthony Hutchins and his father the said George Hutchins.

the marke of George Hutchins.

[Seal of red wax.]

- 243. (1673.) Engrossment, dated 29 Nov. 1673 (but not executed), of deed No. 244.
- 244. (1674.) Release, dated 10 Jan. 1673[-4], by WILLIAM SPEED, ELIANOR SPEED, MARGARET CALVELEY, ANN CALVELEY, and ELIZABETH CALVELEY, daughters and co-heirs of George Calveley gent. deceased, to WILLIAM MOULTON of Faddeley of the equity of redemption in a messuage and lands in Great Aldersey mortgaged about ten years previously by the said George Calveley to Richard Moulton for £361 16s. od., in pursuance of an order of the Court of Chancery dated 16 Oct. 1673 and made in suits for redemption and foreclosure.

the marke of William Speed.
the marke of CE Elianor Speed.
the marke of VN Ann Calveley.
the marke of Mc Margtt Caveley.
[Five seals of red wax.]

[Semble not executed by Elizabeth Calveley.]

- 245. (1674.) Lease for a year, dated 5 May 1673[-4], of premises comprised in Release No. 248.
- 246. (1674.) Lease for a year, dated 5 May 1673[-4], by William Moulton of Faddeley, gent., to Thomas Aldersey of Chester, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow Esq., of premises comprised in Release No. 247.

247. (1674.) Release, dated 6 May 1673[-4], by WILLIAM MOULTON of Faddeley, gent., to Thomas Aldersey of Chester, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow Esq., in fee simple of a close called higher Hey in Aldersey als Great Aldersey, subject to equity of redemption under mortgage of 2 Sept. 1667 [No. 240] and certain articles of agreement dated 27 Jan. 1671[-2], in consideration of £123.

(Signed) William Moulton.
[Seal of red wax.]

248. (1674.) Release dated 6 May 1673[-4], by William Moulton of Faddeley, gent., to Thomas Aldersey of Chester, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe Esq., in fee simple of a messuage and several closes of land in Aldersey als Great Aldersey comprised in the mortgage of 18 Dec. 1658 [No. 226] (by same description) in consideration of £246. Recites mortgage [No. 226] and defeasance [No. 227], death of Richard Moulton and descent of lands to his nephew the said William Moulton, redemption suits by the heirs of George Calveley and foreclosure decree dated 16 Oct. 1673, and the Release of 10 Jan. 1673-4 [No. 244].

(Signed) William Moulton. [Seal of red wax.]

Car. 2 [1676-7], by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to William Palin of Aldersey, yeoman, of a messuage and premises comprised in a lease dated 20 Aug. 14 Car. 2 [1662] from Peter Dutton to John Palin father of the said William Palin [cf. No. 218] (except one butt of about \(\frac{1}{4}\) of an acre in Smethmore Croft in Aldersey then in the occupation of Thomas Woodfen), To hold for the lives of the said William Palin and his wife Margaret, in consideration of \(\frac{1}{255}\) paid, and at the yearly rent of 19s. and other payments and services. Covenant by the lessor to renew the lease for another life.

(Signed) William Palin.

[Seal of red wax, lion rampant not armorial.] Witnesses,

Margaret Aldersey.
John Tonna.
John Mottershead.
Andrew Dod.

- 250. (1678.) Lease for a year, dated 10 Feb. 1677[-8], of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 251).
- THOMAS ALDERSEY of Spurstowe, Esq., to JAMES MOTTERSHEAD of Aldersey, yeoman, of a close in Aldersey called Higher Hey, comprised in a mortgage by George and Anthony Hutchins to William Moulton [No. 240] since transferred to the said Thomas Aldersey [No. 247], subject to the

equity of redemption under the said mortgage [No. 240] and certain articles of agreement dated 27 Jan. 1671[-2], in consideration of £123 7s. 8d.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

252. (1678.) Release, dated 12 Feb. 1677[-8], by DANIEL HUTCHINS of Chester, tanner, to JAMES MOTTERSHEAD of Aldersey, yeoman, in fee simple of equity of redemption in close called Higher Hey, in consideration of £40.

(Signed) Daniel Hutchins. [Seal, a lion rampant not armorial.]

253. (1678.) Deed of Covenant, dated 14 Feb. 1677[-8], by Daniel Hutchins of Chester, tanner, and Isabell his wife to levy a fine of close called Higher Hey to the use of James Mottershead in fee simple.

(Signed) Daniel Hutchins.

[Seal, a lion rampant not armorial.]

- 254. (1678.) (Latin.) Chirograph Fine, dated 22 Ap. 30 Car. 2 [1678], between JAMES MOTTERSHEAD Plaintiff and DANIEL HUTCHINS and ISABELL his wife Deforciants, of 12 acres of land in Aldersey.
- 255. (1684.) Counterpart Lease, dated 22 Aug. 1684, by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., to Thomas Pulford the younger of Wharton co. Chester, yeoman, of a messuage and lands comprised in a lease

from Peter Dutton of Hatton to Thomas Pulford father of the said Thomas Pulford [qu. No. 217], To hold for five years from the expiration of the said lease in consideration of £5 paid and at the yearly rent of £4 17s. od. and other payments.

(Signed) Thomas Pulforde.

[Seal of red wax, swan not heraldic.]

256. (1689.) Lease, dated 26 March 1689, by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., to John Jones of Bickerton co. Chester, yeoman, of a messuage and premises comprised in a lease from Peter Dutton of Hatton to Anne Dutton for 99 years if Richard Smith and Elizabeth and Anne Dutton should so long live [No. 219], viz.: the Gorsty Croft, the further Gorsty Croft, the Carr feild, the Carr feild meadow, the hen hey, the corne feild, the two day math in the Bridge meadowe, To hold for the term of 99 years if the said Anne Dutton (now Anne Hopley) and John Jones and Thomas Jones (sons of the said John Jones) should so long live, in consideration of £130, at the yearly rent of 17s. 9d. and other payments. Power for the lessee to exchange the life of Anne HOPLEY for another life.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey. [Seal gone.]

Mem. endorsed that in case of the death of all the lives the said John Jones should hold the premises for three years certain.

257. (1692.) Lease for six months, dated 25 Nov. 1692, of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 258).

258. (1692.) Release, dated 26 Nov. 1692, by John Mottershead of Aldersey, yeoman, to Thomas Lee of Dernhall co. Chester, Esq., Richard Ward of Coton co. Salop, gent., and Magdalene Lee of Chester, widow (executors of Robert Lee of Wincham co. Chester gent. deceased), in fee simple of closes in Aldersey, Great Aldersey and Middle Aldersey called the Crofts, the Meadow Field and the higher Hey or Hutchins' Hey, by way of mortgage to secure £200, being moneys belonging to the younger children of the said Robert Lee. (Signed) John Mottershed.

[Seal, a lion rampant.]

259. Counterpart of Release No. 258.

(Signed) Magdalen Lee.

[Three seals, a lion rampant.]

- 260. (1695.) Chirograph Fine, dated 1 April 7 Will. 3 [1695], between Thomas Aldersey Esq. and William Carter Plaintiffs and John Mottershead and Prudence his wife deforciants, of 7 acres of land, 7 acres of pasture, 10 acres of furze and heath, and of common of pasture &c. in Aldersey.
- 261. (1695.) Lease, dated 5 July 1695, by Thomas Al-Dersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Thomas Palin of Beachen co. Chester, yeoman, of a messuage and premises late leased to John Dale for the lives of

the said John Dale, his son Ralph Dale and Margaret his wife [cf. Surrender No. 222], viz.: the Hall yards (theretofore in several parcels and lately laid together into one close and adjoining the said messuage), the Woolleys, the Great Potsmore, the little Potsmore, the Great Middle field, the little Middle field, and the Backs Meadow, To hold for the lives of the said Thomas Palin, Ales his wife and Joshua his son, in consideration of the surrender of the former lease and the payment of £25, at the yearly rent of 215. Liberty reserved to the lessor to sink pits for salt making compensation to the lessee. Covenant by the lessee to renew for another life on the death of any life and to pay £50 for such renewal.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal.]

Witnesses,

Martha Aldersey.

John Mottershed.

William Parratt.

Mem. endorsed of livery of seisin.

- 262. (1702.) Lease for a year, dated 26 March 1702, of the premises comprised in the next deed (No. 263).
- 263. (1702.) Release, dated 27 March 1702, by Thomas Lee of Dernhall co. Chester, Esq., Richard Ward of Coton co. Salop, gent., and Magdalene Lee of Chester, widow (executors of Robert Lee of Windham co. Chester gent. deceased), and John Mottershead of Aldersey, yeoman, to Mary Aldersey of Spurstowe, spinster, in fee simple of the

Crofts, the Meadow field, and the Higher Hey or Hutchins Hey in Aldersey late in the occupation of the said John Mottershead, by way of mortgage to secure £300, the mortgage to the executors of the said Robert Lee [No. 258] being paid off out of the money advanced.

(Signed) Tho: Lee.

[Armorial seal.]

Ri: Warde.

[Do.]

Magdalen Lee.

[Seal not heraldic.]

John Mottershed.

[Do.]

264. (1702.) Lease for six months, dated 28 April 1702, by Thomas Yate the elder of Darnford in Whitchurch co. Salop, gent., and John Horton of Stannardine co. Salop, yeoman, to Samuel Aldersey, clerk, younger son of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow Esq., of a messuage &c. in Aldersey some time in the occupation of Ralph Wright but then of Samuel Parsonage, and several closes called the Croft behind the house, the Higher or hither croft, the Middle Croft and the Sandy Croft.

(Signed) Thomas Yate.

[Armorial seal, three gates.]

John Horton.

[Seal not heraldic.]

265. (1707.) Lease, dated 31 July 1707, by Thomas Al-DERSEY of Spurstow, Esq., to Ales Palin of Aldersey, widow, of a messuage and premises late leased to Thomas Palin [by same description as in No. 261 except "Bakes meadow" for "Backs Meadow"] in consideration of the surrender of such lease and the payment of £50, To hold for the lives of the said Ales Palin, Thomas Palin her son, and Richard Palin (son of Richard Palin of Shocklath co. Chester yeoman), at the yearly rent of 215. Liberty reserved for the lessor to sink for brine making compensation to the lessee. Covenant by the lessee to renew for another life on the death of any of the said lives and to pay fine of £50.

(Signed) T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal.]

Endorsed is a grant by Alice Paylin to her son Thomas Palin of an annuity of 40s. during the continuance of the lease.

Alice + Paylin. her marke.

266. (1707.) Counterpart of Lease No. 265.

267. (1709.) Lease, dated 31 Jan. 1708[-9], by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Prudence Mottershed Hed of Aldersey, widow of John Mottershed, of the premises late leased to the said John Mottershed, viz. the three furlownes, the little wood, the Gorsty Croft, and the further Woolleys [cf. No. 238] in consideration of the surrender of the said lease and the payment of £30, To hold for the lives of the said Prudence Mottershed and James and Anne Mottershed (son and daughter of the said

John Mottershed), at the yearly rent of £1 12s. od. and other payments. Liberty reserved to the lessor to sink for brine making compensation to the lessee. Samuel Tonna and John Lewes of Aldersey yeomen appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

(Signed) T. Aldersey.

[Armorial seal.]

Endorsed is the following: "Spurstow March ye 25th 1743 I do hereby lett unto Jno Stokes of Bickley the Ash yards in Aldersey together with that part of the moor adjoyning for ye term of seven years from the date hereof paying yearly to me 3 pounds of lawful money."

(Signed) R. Aldersey.

268. (1718.) Lease, dated 10 April 4 Geo. I. [1718], by ROBERT ALDERSEY of Spurstow, Esq., to WILLIAM PALIN of Aldersey, yeoman, of a messuage and premises where the said WILLIAM PALIN inhabited [by the same description as in No. 249], in consideration of the surrender of a former lease or leases and security given for the payment of £50, To hold for the lives of the said WILLIAM PALIN, ELIANOR his wife, and George Palin their son, at the yearly rent of 195. and other payments and services. Liberty reserved to the lessor to sink pits making compensation to the lessee. John Lewis of Aldersey yeoman appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Ro: Aldersey.

[Armorial seal, 1 and 4 de Alteribus, 2 and 3 Aldersey.]

269. (1727.) Lease, dated 26 June 1 Geo. II. [1727], by ROBERT ALDERSEY of Spurstow, Esq., to Thomas Mottershead of Stoak co. Chester, yeoman, of a messuage and premises in the possession of the said THOMAS MOTTERSHEAD, viz. Mog Davies Wood, the Great Wall Croft, the Gorsty hey, the further wood and the Spert [cf. No. 215], in consideration of the surrender of a former lease and the payment of £105 5s. od., To hold for the lives of the said Thomas Mottershead, Esther his wife, and Mary Mottershead their daughter, at the yearly rent of £2 and other payments. Liberty reserved for the lessor to sink pits making compensation to the lessee. Power for the said Thomas Mottershead to substitute another life for the said MARY MOTTERSHEAD in case of her death within 5 years on payment of one guinea. SAMUEL STUBS of Spurstow appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Ro: Aldersey. [Armorial seal, Aldersey.]

ALDERSEY of Spurstow, Esq., to Thomas Palin of Aldersey, joiner, of a messuage and premises in Aldersey [by the same description as in No. 261 except "Rakes Meadow" for "Backs Meadow"], in consideration of the surrender of a lease for 3 lives dated 3 Jan. 1736 to Thomas Palin, father of the said Thomas Palin, and the payment of £38, To hold for the lives of the said Thomas Palin (aged 18), Richard Palin son of Richard Palin of Shocklath

(aged 60), and Hannah widow of Thomas Palin deceased (aged 40), at the yearly rent of 21s. and other payments. Liberty reserved for the lessor to sink pits for brine making compensation to the lessee. James Tomkinson appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Robert Aldersey. [Seal not heraldic.]

DUTTON of Aldersey, carpenter, to ROBERT ALDERSEY of Aldersey, Esq., of a lease dated 8 March 1780 made by the Rev. Samuel Aldersey to the said Moses Dutton for the term of 99 years of a close in Aldersey late in the occupation of Widow Wilkinson and a cottage lately erected thereon by the said Moses Dutton.

The mark X of Moses Dutton. (Signed) R. Aldersey.

[Seals not heraldic.]



GROUP No. 4.

DEEDS RELATING TO LANDS, &c., IN SPURSTOW.

272. (c. 1240.) (Latin.)

ET all present and future who shall inspect and hear this present charter know that I RICHARD, first son of Coureus DE Spurstowe, have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to WIL-LIAM son of WILLIAM LE STALKERE of the same vill for his homage and service and for three marks of silver which he has given to me in my own hands the whole land with all its appurtenances which has fallen to me in part [in pte] or may fall without any reserve [retenemto] to me and my heirs, in the vill of Spurstowe and in the fields, of the whole land with its appurtenances which formerly belonged to GILIAN the daughter of MA-TILDA my mother, To have and to hold of me and of my heirs to him and his heirs or their assigns freely quietly and hereditarily fully and peacefully, In ways, in paths, in meadows, in pasture, in moors and marshes, in waters, in groves, in plains, in mast and without mast [in pessona & ext. pessona] in free carriage to Chester and to Wicmanbay from the groves of Spurstowe [s....pticipes sui Inbikes & inespu'iis] and in all liberties commons easements and commodities pertaining to the vill of Spurstowe, Yielding henceforth every year to me and my heirs from him and from his heirs and from their assigns one pair of gloves of the price of one penny or one penny on the nativity of St. John the Baptist [24 June] for all service custom and wonted exaction pertaining to me and to my heirs.

[With clause of warranty.]

These being witnesses: Robert de Bulkileg, William de Ridleg, Richard Wodenot, William his brother, Adam de Mumshull, Richard de Spurstowe, John de Spurstowe, Randle the clerk, and others.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

273. (1306.) (Latin.) Let all present and future know that I RICHARD LE STALKERE of Sporstowe have given and granted and by this my present charter confirmed to my son John those messuages and all that land and all the tenement with its appurtenances which RICHARD the son of MOLOTH formerly held of me for a term of years in Sporstowe, viz. in the field which is called Bocaldehurstesfeld, and all that land cleared and not cleared with two messuages built and to be built thereon with their appurtenances which lie between my Hey of Sporstowe and Ruylebroc, viz. within these boundaries: beginning at the road near Ruylebroc, that is to say in the corner of the hedges by the gate of my Hey, and so following the hedge to the road which leads towards [le Deenes?], and so following the hedge beyond the [Denebanke?] as far as the hedge of the meadow, and then following the hedge and ditch straight to the road by Ruylebroc, and so following the said

road near Ruylebroc as far as the aforesaid corner, Saving always a way near the Brook which is called Ruylebroc together with the crop of a certain meadow lying in the [Denes?] within the territory of Sporstowe, which meadow WILLIAM DE STOCTON and ELLEN his wife hold for a term, To have and to hold to him the aforesaid John and Margery his wife and the heirs between them lawfully begotten all the aforesaid tenements with all their appurtenances, with Husbold and Heybold and all their estovers to be taken of dead wood within my Hey of Sporstowe, and with the right of taking turf every year for four days with one man digging wherever I the said RICHARD and my heirs shall be able to take it in all places within the vill of Sporstowe, with a suitable and broad way for taking turf for him the aforesaid John and his heirs and his men dwelling in the aforesaid messuages, Freely quietly well and in peace thoroughly and hereditarily for ever of me and my heirs, with all commons liberties commodities and easements belonging to the aforesaid vill of Sporstowe whether under or above land, Rendering annually to me and my heirs one pepper corn on St. Boniface's Day so long as the fee tail lasts in fee tail, To have and to hold of the chief lords of that fee by the service thenceforth to them due and accustomed, And if the aforesaid John and Margery his wife should die without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten then it should remain to and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, And if the aforesaid should die without an heir of his body lawfully begotten then it should revert to me and my right heirs. Power of sale given to the said John and Margery his wife or their heirs in

case of any great necessity. Dated St. Martin's Day [Nov. 11] 1306.

[Clause of warranty.]

Witnesses,

Roger de Sporstowe, William de Sporstowe, Hugh de Calvileye, Matthew de Alpram, Robert de Riddeleye and others.

[Seal gone.]

274. (c. 1320.) (Latin.) Grant [not dated] by RICHARD LE STALKER of Spurstowe to John his son of that messuage and all that land and tenement with all its appurtenances in Spurstowe which RICHARD the son of Molor formerly held of him for a term, save only one halfland lying near the curtilage of WILLIAM Brid, and also of one messuage and all that land cleared and not cleared with its appurtenance which lies between his (my) Hey and the brook which is called Ruyhsbroke in the aforesaid vill of Spurstowe, together with a certain meadow lying in the Denes within the territory of Spurstowe, which meadow WILLIAM DE STOCTON and ELLEN his wife hold for a term, To have and to hold to the aforesaid John and his heirs of the chief lords of that fee by the services which pertain unto those tenements, with husbold and heybold and other estovers to be taken of dead wood within his Hey of Spurstowe, And with common of pasture and turbary in all commons pastures and turbaries of Spurstowe for himself and his men dwelling in the said messuages or any of them and with all other appurtenances liberties commons and easements whatsoever pertaining to

the said vill of Spurstowe, so that if the common of turbary of Spurstowe should fail and be insufficient for the said John and his heirs he and his heirs should have one man digging every year for four days wherever the said RICHARD and his heirs were digging or had power to dig.

[With clause of warranty.]

Witnesses,

Roger de Spurstowe, William de Spurstowe, Hugh de Calvilgh, Matthew de Alpram, Robert de Ridelgh, Richard de Ridelegh, Richard son of David de Ridelegh, Roger de Bulkilegh clerk and others.

[Round seal of dark green wax, a device in the centre with inscription round, s' RICARDI LE STALKER.]

after the feast of the Ascension of our Lord 14 Ed. II. [1321], by WILLIAM son of GILBERT DE SPORSTOWE to RICHARD LE STALKER of Sporstowe of all his right in all the lands and tenements which the said RICHARD had enclosed on the day of the execution of that deed in the vill of Sporstowe.

Witnesses,

Robert Lord of Ridelegh, Robert de Ridelegh senior, Richard de Ridelegh, Hugh de Wordul, Robert son of Clement de Ridelegh, and many others.

[Round seal of dark green wax.]

276. (1322.) (Latin.) Grant, dated the morrow of St. Cuthbert [4 Sept.] 1322, by David son of Hugh de Edesleye to John son of Richard le Stalkere of Sporstowe and Margaret his wife and Richard their son in fee simple of all that land and tenement in the vill of Sporstowe which he had of the gift of his father the said Hugh, viz. all that place called Stanlowehurst Rudyngs.

Witnesses,

Matthew de Holegreve, David de Beston, Robert de Ryddeleye, Richard de Ryddeleye, Hugh de Wordhul, Henry de Clotton, Peter de Wetenale and many others.

[Seal gone.]

called Le Stalker of Spurstow to his son Robert of all that his land and tenement in Spurstowe lying within the boundaries below written, beginning at the ford which is called Peckforde and thence descending to the bounds of Peckforton as far as Elford and thence ascending the bounds of Cheswys near Collowysoft as far as the path and so following the path toward Peckforton as far as the aforesaid ford which is called Peckforde, To hold to the said Robert and the heirs of his body, paying every year 12d. of silver, with reversion to the said Richard and his heirs. In consideration whereof Robert releases to Richard all his right in the woods of the said Richard within the vill of Spurstow.

Witnesses,

Roger de Spurstowe, William de Spurstowe,

William de Bulkilegh junior, Peter de Bulkilegh, Matthew de Holgreve junior, Roger de Bulkilegh clerk and many others.

[Seal of dark green wax.]

On a translation of this deed in one of the Miscellaneous bundles is this endorsement, "The deed for Cappur's house in Spurstow called Heycrofte."

278. (c. 1340.) (Latin.) Quitclaim [not dated] by WILLIAM DE SPURSTOWE to DAVID DE EDISLEGH of all his right in one messuage and one place of land called Staneweihurst Ruding as the said DAVID was seised at the time of the completion of that deed save an annual rent of 22d.

Witnesses,

Robert de Rydlegh, Richard his brother, Robert de Spurstowe, Richard le Stalker, Richard de Ederslegh and others.

[Seal gone.]

[Qu. whether this deed should not be dated before No. 276.]

279. (c. 1340.) (Latin.) Grant [not dated] by Roger DE Sporston to Richard Le Stalker of Sporston of 10 selions of arable land in the vill of Sporston out of land which the said Roger De Sporston had of Urian De St. Pierre in the same vill, viz.: In the field which is called Ruileg 2½ selions, in the field which is called Calveriecroft 3 selions with his (my) arable part in Wilmislegtot fute, in the field which

is called Rueedif $2\frac{1}{2}$ selions, in another place of the field which is called Hallecroft 2 selions, in exchange for all that land arable and not arable with a messuage which the same Richard held in [le fynachis] as it is contained in the charter of exchange between the aforesaid Roger and Lord Urian de S^T. Pierre.

Witnesses,

William de Boneburi, William de Bolkali, Robert de Rudeleg, William de Haleton, Hugh de Calvileg and others.

[Seal gone.]

280. (1349.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstow 11 May 1349, by RICHARD son of WILLIAM LE STALKER to Thomas DE Burndelegh in fee simple of all his messuages lands and tenements in Spurstow, Halghton and Ridlegh.

Witnesses,

William de Spurstow, William de Prestelond, William de Ridlegh, Hugh de Ridlegh, Robert de Halghton and others.

[Seal gone.]

281. (c. 1350.) (Latin.) Quitclaim [not dated] by RICHARD LE STALKER of Spurstow to his first born son WILLIAM and Ellen his wife and the heirs of their bodies of a house with a messuage and garden [orto] in the vill of Spurston and with 24 selions of land belonging to the same vill.

Witnesses,

William de Spurston, Roger de Spurston, Hugh

de Calvil., Hugh de Ridl., Robert his brother, Richard de Edisleye and many others.

[Seal gone.]

282. (1373.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Monday next after the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [24 June] 1373, by Richard Le Stalker of Spurstow to Randle Winster clerk and David son of Richard Brayne in fee simple of all those messuages land and tenements which he held of the gift and feoffment of John de Beston parson of the church of Wardelegh with their appurtenances in Spurstow.

Witnesses,

Hugh de Wordul of the same, John le Tipper, John son of Richard de Wordul, Roger de Overton and others.

[Seal gone.]

283. (1378.) (Latin.) [Feoffment, dated Thursday in the feast of S^t. Oswald King and Martyr [5 Aug.] 2 Ric. II. [1378], by RICHARD LE STALKER to THOMAS BRAYNE and HENRY BEESTON of all his lands &c. in Spurstow.

Witnesses,

William de Beston, Richard de Prestelond, Hugh de Wordull, Henry son of David, William de Teverton (?) and others.]

[Seal gone.]

[The particulars of this deed are taken from Mr. Earwaker's Index: the ink is so faded that the deed is almost illegible.] 284. (1379.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Thursday next after the feast of St. Martin [21 Sept.] 1379, by Richard LE STALKER to Thomas Brayne and Henry de Beston in fee simple of all his messuages and lands cleared and not cleared, meadows, woods and tenements which he held at the date of the execution of that deed in Spurstow with common of pasture with household and heybold in the hey of the said Richard LE STALKER with right of turbary.

Witnesses,

Robert Daneyeres, William de Beston, David de Beston of Fadylegh, Henry son of David de Hulgreve, John le Tipper and others.

[Seal of dark green wax τ .]

285. (1392.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Sunday next after the feast of St. Agatha the Virgin [5 Feb.] 15 Ric. II. [1391-2], by RICHARD DE SPURSTOWE to RICHARD DE CHESEWYS, son of WILLIAM DE CHESEWYS, and MALYN, formerly wife of William son of RICHARD DE CHESEWYS, in fee simple of 14 acres of land in Embrestlefes within the vill of Spurstowe with one lane [venell] lying near the said Embrestlefes, which acres of land lie between Edeslegh and the land of John de Rydelegh, in exchange for 14 acres of land and one rood and nine rods of land in Tonnefeld, Smythfeld, Stalkersclos, Stalkersmede, Wolsecroft, Cibbecroft, Stalkershey, Ryley and Chesewys with longestat.

Witnesses,

Henry de Beston, Arthur de Daveport, Thomas de Saynepier and others.

[Seal of red wax.]

286. (1398.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstowe [Sunday next after the feast of the Epiphany 21 Ric. II. (1398)], by Thomas Brayne to Henry Brayne and the heirs of his body of all his lands and tenements in Spurstowe.

Witnesses,

[Arthur Davenport of Calveley, Matthew Mere of Teverton, Richard Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Hugh Halghton of Halghton, David Hulgreve of Teverton and others.]

[Seal gone, ink faded and deed almost illegible, particulars within brackets taken from Mr. Earwaker's Index.]

287. (1444.) (Latin.) Grant, [dated Thursday next after the feast of the Ascension 22 Hen. VI. (1444)], by Henry [Brayne] of Spurstowe to Thomas Beeston of Beeston [and others of all his lands &c. in Spurstowe.

Witnesses,

John Brissy of Teverton, William Hondfort, John Rawlond, David Tomkynson, William Belehurst (?) and others.]

[Seal gone, ink faded and deed almost illegible, particulars within brackets taken from Index.]

[N.B.—Here should follow Deeds Nos. 22—28.]

288. (c. 1500.) Note [not dated] of lands in Spurstow. "This byll makes knowlache of londs in the Bokehurst that ys to say; ij long buttus wt ij tongschappus lying to the Bokelurst lone wiche butt and tongschappus arne of the Stalkers londe; iij long butts next to hom arne of Spurstowes londe j but indeed on eyther syde of the Stalkers londe; vj butts next to hom arne of Saynepers lond; iij butts next to home arne of the Stalkers lond; v long butts wt vj tongscharpus and a mese wt the yordes arne of Spurstowes grounde; iij long butts next to home arne of the Stalkers grounde; iv butts next to home arne of the Saynepers grounde; vj butts next to home arne of Stalkers grounde; iv long butts and j shorte next to home arne of Spurstowes grounde; iv long butts next to home arne of the Stalkers grounde; vj butts next to home arne of the Saynepers grounde; vij long butts and iij schorte next to home arne of Spurstowes londe; the hadlond at the over ende and the butt next to hir arne of Saynepers lond; ij butts next to home arne of Stalkers lond; vij butts and tongscharpus next to home arne of Spurstowes lond; all the remenent in the wenell lying to the holondus arne of Saynepers lond; the backe aftur the broke lying to the brode more ys in comyn to them iij."

289. (1501.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstowe 10 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by John Dodd del Egge to John Heth of Hampton in fee simple of a messuage and

20 acres of land in Spurstowe. With clause of warranty against the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of Combermere and his successors. John son of Hugh Aldresay appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

Witnesses,

Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamo Hassell and others.

[Seal of brown wax.]

290. (1501.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstowe 11 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by RICHARD HOKENHULL to HENRY HOKENHULL in fee simple of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe. With clause of warranty against the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of Combermere and his successors. John son of Hugh Aldresay appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

Witnesses,

Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamo Hassall and others.

[Seal gone.]

1291. (1501.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstowe 11 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by Henry Hokenhull to William Hokenhull in fee simple of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe. With clause of warranty against the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of Combernere and his successors. John son of Hugh Aldresay appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

Witnesses,

Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamo Hassall and others.

[Armorial seal of brown wax, 3 pheons (?).]

292. (1501.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstowe 11 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by Robert Mascy of Golborn to John Mascy of Clutton in fee simple of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe. With clause of warranty against the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of Combermere and his successors. John son of Hugh Aldresay appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

Witnesses,

Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamo Hassall and others.

[Seal of brown wax.]

293. (1501.) (Latin.) Appointment, dated 12 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by Thomas Parre of William son of Robert Mascy of Codynton as his attorney to receive possession of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe.

[Seal of brown wax.]

294. (1501.) (Latin.) Grant, dated Spurstowe 13 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by WILLIAM PARRE to JOHN TATTON in fee simple of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe. With clause of warranty against

the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of Combermere and his successors. John son of Hugh Al-Dresay appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

Witnesses,

Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamo Hassall and others.

[Seal gone.]

295. (1501.) (Latin.) Appointment, dated 13 July 16 Hen. VII. [1501], by John Tatton of William son of Robert Mascy of Codynton as his attorney to receive possession of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe.

[Seal of brown wax.]

Hen. VII. [1501], by John Tatton to John Mascy, son of Morgan, in fee simple of a messuage and 20 acres of land in Spurstowe. With clause of warranty against the Abbot of the Monastery of St. Mary of Combermere and his successors. John son of Hugh Aldresay appointed attorney to deliver seisin.

Witnesses,

Thomas Bromley, Thomas Maisterson, Hamo Hassall and others.

[Seal of brown wax.]

297. (1533.) Exchange, dated Spurstowe 14 May 25 Henry VIII. (1533), between John Spurstowe of

Spurstowe, Esq., and Philip Dod of Spurstowe. Grant by the said John Spurstowe and by Randle Spurstowe of Godston, David Middelton and Randle Berneston, chaplain, his feoffees in trust, to the said Philip Dod in fee simple of a close or pasture in Spurstowe called Chekyn Greve Mede, in the occupation of the said Philip Dod, in exchange for another close or pasture of the said Philip in Spurstowe aforesaid called le Mylnfeld, conveyed by the said Philip Dod and by Richard Williamson, clerk, John Aldersey and James Brok, chaplain, his feoffees in trust, to the said John Spurstowe by deed of even date.

[With clause of warranty.]
[Three seals of red wax, the first bearing the Spurstow arms and the name sporusto.]

298. (1595.) The halffe yeares rentall of me George Spurstowe at Midsumer 1595. Imprimis Rondule Aldersey for sarlayen of myne caled the Hulland vjs viijd Item the same Rondle Aldarsey for other lands of my caled Buckell Hurstes or Bucley Hurst..... vijs Item the same Rondle Aldarsey for other lands of myne caled Golburnes Crofte iiijs Item the same Rondell Aldarsey for his xjd chife rent [Here follows a list of other tenants &c.]

299. (1621.) Lease, dated 24 Sept. 1621, by SIR WILLIAM BRERETON of Brereton co. Chester, Kt., to

George Mainwaring of Calveley co. Chester, gent., of a close called Mayett feild in Spurstow and another close called Pilcock's feild with a piece of medowing taken forth of it in Haughton co. Chester, To hold for 31 years at the yearly rent of £4 9s. od.

(Signed) W. Brereton.

[Seal gone.]

300. (1628.) Conveyance, dated 9 July 4 Car. [1628], by the Hon. Anne Stafford of Stafford Castle, dowager, and formerly wife of the Hon. Edward Stafford deceased, to Richard Egerton of Whitchurch co. Salop, gent., in fee simple of a plot of ground divided into several closes called Betteley's Moore in Spurstowe in the occupation of Robert Chesiwys of Spurstowe, yeoman, in consideration of £90. David Massy gent. and Rondull Wilson yeoman appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Anne Stafford.

[Armorial seal of red wax, a chevron.]

GEORGE SPURSTOW the elder of Spurstow, Esq., and GEORGE SPURSTOW the younger, gent., his son and heir apparent, to Richard Leicester of the city of Chester, gent., and William Barneston the elder, son and heir apparent of Thomas Barneston of Churton co. Chester, gent., of six pastures or crofts in Spurstow in the occupation of John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of which four are called the Hullenhursts or Hullands, the fifth the Buckelhurst, and

the sixth the Long Crofte or the Calvercroft, and two other pastures in Spurstow aforesaid called the Goulbornes Crofts also in the occupation of the said John Aldersey, To hold for 31 years from the death of the said John Aldersey at the yearly rent of 35s. 4d. upon trust for such persons as the said George Spurstow the elder should by deed or will appoint, and in default as the said George Spurstowe the younger should appoint. Joint power for the lessors to revoke the lease on payment of 12d. to the lessees.

(Signed) George Spurstow.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

George Spurstow.

[Armorial seal of red wax, 3 mullets.]

302. (1636.) Conveyance, dated 19 Feb. 11 Car. [1635-6], by RICHARD EGERTON of Hardshawe co. Lancs., gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., in fee simple of a plot of land divided into several closes called Betteleyes Moore in the occupation of RICHARD GWINNE in consideration of £100.

Mention is made of Margaret the wife of Richard Egerton.

(Signed) Ri: Egerton.

[Armorial seal of red wax, broken.]

303. (1636.) Bond, dated 19 Feb. 11 Car. [1635-6], of RICHARD EGERTON of Hardshawe co. Lancs., gent., and RALPH EGERTON of Ridley co. Chester, gent. (brother of the said RICHARD EGERTON), to JOHN

ALDERSEY of Spurstow, gent., to secure the performance of the covenants of a pair of indentures between the said Richard Egerton of the one part and the said John Aldersey of the other part.

(Signed) Ri: Egerton.

[Small seal of red wax, a lion passant, crest (?).]

Ralph Egerton.

[Small armorial seal of red wax.].

304. (1645.) Counterpart Mortgage, dated 2 Sept. 1645, by George Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., of a messuage and premises in Spurstowe and Bunbury formerly in the occupation of William Symcoes and Thomas Brocke and then of Edward Owen, by lease for a term of 21 years from 1 June 1646 at a peppercorn rent, to secure £43 4s. 3d.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey [Seal gone.]

305. (1646.) Deed Poll of Appointment, dated 25 June 1646, by George Spurstowe the elder of Spurstowe, Esq., to James Marburie of Marburye, clerk, in satisfaction of the marriage and child's portion of his daughter Mary, the wife of the said James Marbury, of the beneficial interest under the lease dated 1 Oct. 1635 [No. 301] in the six closes and two pastures in Spurstowe therein comprised, for the residue of the term of 31 years from the death of John Aldersey.

(Signed) Geo: Spurstowe.

[Seal gone.]

306. (1652.) Surrender, dated 14 June 1652, by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., to George Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq., of eight closes in his occupation, viz. four closes called the Hullenhursts or Hullandes, and also the Buckelhurst, the Long Crofte or Caulver Crofte, and two closes called the Golbornes Crofts, comprised in several leases granted to his grandfather Rondull Aldersey.

[Not executed.]

Spurstowe the elder of Spurstowe, Esq., to James Marbury of Davenham co. Chester, clerk, of the eight closes in Spurstowe [by the same description as in No. 306] for the lives of Mary Marburie, wife of the said James Marburie, and Thomas Marburie and William Marburie, sons of the said James Marburie, at the yearly rent of 35s. 4d., in satisfaction of the marriage and child's portion of his daughter Mary, wife of the said James Marbury. Thomas Pownell of Barneton and John Gardner of Spurstowe, gent. (son-in-law of the said George Spurstowe, appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Geo: Spurstowe. [Seal gone.]

[Mem. of livery of seisin not filled in, and see No. 308, from which it would appear that this lease was never completed.]

Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., of the same eight closes in Spurstowe [by the same description as in No. 306], and a foot way, dryving way and cart way through the Ashe grounde to and from the said Golbornes Crofts, To hold for the lives of Thomas Aldersey, John Aldersey and Robert Aldersey (sons of the said Thomas Aldersey) at the yearly rent of 35s. 4d. and an ox or cow as a herriott on the death of the tenant in occupation, in consideration of £180 paid. William Allen and Robert Rowe, gents., appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Geo: Spurstowe.

[Armorial seal of red wax, Spurstowe.]

Witnesses: James Marbury, Tho: Edwardes, Tho: Pownell, Matth' Travers, John Gardner, Richard Yonge.

[Mem. endorsed of livery of seisin, and witnessed.]

THOMAS ALDERSEY of Spurstowe, Esq., to John Symcoe of Spurstowe, yeoman, and Ellenor his wife, and Thomas Symcowe their son, of a messuage and premises in Spurstowe called the Heath House, To hold for the lives of the said John Symcoe, Ellenor and Thomas at the yearly rent of 5s.

(Signed) Tho: Aldersey.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

310. Counterpart of lease No. 309.

(Signed) John Symcoe.

[Seal of brown wax, not heraldic.]

Witnesses: Elizabeth Aldersey, Mary Aldersey,

Tho: Suckley.

311. (c. 1680.) Draft Lease and Release [not dated] by EDMUND STAFFORD of Dublin, Esq., and Anne his wife, Charles Kirkham of Fineshade Abbey co. Northampton, Esq., and MAGDELENE his wife, and Thomas Norwood of Leckhampton co. Gloucester, clerk, and Mary his wife (the said Anne Stafford, MAGDELENE KIRKHAM, and MARY Norwood being sisters and co-heiresses of Charles Spurstowe late of Spurstowe, Esq., deceased) to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., being a conveyance in fee simple of a building called the Coachhouse in Bonbury co. Chester, and of the reversion expectant on the determination of the term granted by the Lease dated 28 June 1652 [No. 308] of the premises thereby demised by George Spurstowe (great-grandfather of the said Anne Stafford, Magdalene Kirkham, and Mary Norwood) to Thomas Aldersey (father of the said Thomas Aldersey), save and except the payment of 1d. yearly at the holding of the Court Baron of Spurstowe as an essoigning penny in lieu of appearances at the said Court, and also the payment of 1s. 10d. as a quit rent in respect of other lands of the said Thomas Aldersey as theretofore accustomed.

HARDING of the parish of Acton co. Chester, tailor, to RICHARD COXEY of Brindley co. Chester, yeoman, of a cottage and premises at Spurstowe of which he had lately purchased the reversion from the sisters and co-heirs of Charles Spurstowe, deceased (save and except a chief rent of 2d. payable to the ladies of the manor of Spurstowe and suit and service to the same and grinding of corn at Spurstowe Mill), being a mortgage in fee simple to secure £50.

The mark of ∧ Arthur Harding. [Seal of red wax, a crest (?).]

313. Title deeds relating to Ashgrounds and Martindales tenement conveyed to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq., by John Hewitt of Tarporley, Esq., 6 March 1811.

This packet contains the following deeds (1700—1811):

1. Conveyance, dated 20 Jan. 1699 [1700], by the sisters and co-heirs of Charles Spurstowe, Esq., and their husbands [cf. No. 311], to Richard Craven of Ridley co. Chester in fee simple of a messuage and three croftsadjoining called Martindales tenement containing $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and the Ashgrounds containing 32 acres in Spurstowe (save and except a chief rent of 6d. and suit and services at the manorial Court of Spurstowe and grinding of corn at Spurstowe Mill), in con-

sideration of £360. John Gardner and Rowland Hill appointed attorneys to deliver seisin.

(Signed) Edmund Stafford.

Ann Stafford.

[Armorial seals, Spurstowe impaling Stafford (?).]

Charles Kirkham.

Magdalen Kirkham.

[Armorial seals, quarterly, Kirkham (?) and Spurstowe.]

Tho. Norwood.

Ma. Norwood.

[Armorial seals, Norwood (?).]

- 2. Lease and Release, dated 1 and 2 Feb. 1713[-4]. Conveyance by John Craven of Chester, wholesale grocer (second son of Richard Craven of Ridley, yeoman, deceased), to Richard Craven of Ridley, yeoman (son and heir of said Richard Craven, deceased), of hereditaments (as above).
- 3. Lease and Release, dated 1 and 2 Aug. 1743. Settlement on the marriage of Richard Craven the younger with Mary daughter of John McTurk. Conveyance by Richard Craven the elder, Richard Craven the younger, and George Craven of Martindales tenement and Ashgrounds to the use of Richard Craven the younger for his life, remainder to Mary his wife for her life, remainder to trustees for a term of 500 years to raise portions for younger children, remainder to the first and other sons of the marriage successively in tail, remainder to the daughters of the marriage in tail, remainder to the survivor of Richard Craven the younger and Mary his wife in fee simple.
- 4. Chirograph Fine, dated 20 Aug. 1742, between

John McTurk and William Sandford, plaintiffs, and Richard Craven and his sons Richard Graven and George Craven, deforciants.

- 5. Letters of Administration, dated 23 Oct. 1744, of the effects of Richard Craven the younger of Namptwich, deceased, granted to his widow Mary Craven.
- 6. Copy Will, dated 15 Jan. 1744[-5], of Mary Craven of Namptwich, widow. Devise of Martindales tenement and Ashgrounds (settled on her by her husband on her marriage) to her father John McTurk, her mother Elizabeth McTurk, and her brother and sister John and Martha McTurk equally during their lives, and after their deaths as to one moiety to her brother's children, and as to the other moiety to her sister's children.
- 7. Lease and Release, dated 5 and 6 March 1811. Conveyance by John Hewitt of Tarporley, Esq. (only surviving child and heir of Martha Hewitt formerly Martha McTurk), to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq., in fee simple of Martindales tenement and Ashgrounds, in consideration of £1470.



GROUP No. 5.

DEEDS RELATING TO BUNBURY.

314. (c. 1215.)

RANT by Andrew Batail to Richard de Kalvilegh of all his part in Lachecote, sc. a moiety by straight [rectas?] boundaries, between Redeclohe and le Broge and between the dyke which is the boundary between Bunneburi and Tidulfuestan, at the yearly rent of one pair of white gloves.

These being witnesses, Philip de Horrebi now Justiciary, Jusseram de Hellesbi, Richard de Kingeslegh, Hugh de Kaluilegh, William son of Richun, William de Spurestanuhe, Robert Rusto, Richard le Theyn, Richard son of Pagan, and many others.

[Large seal of dark green wax (SIGILL ANDR'S TAILE).]

315. (c. 1215.) Grant by Andrew Bataile to Richard DE Kalvelehe of the moiety of Lachecote with its appurtenances, sc. from Red Cloh which descends from Goremor to the brook of Lachecote and from the brook up to the dyke between Bonebery and

Tiduluestan, and from the dyke up to Goremor, at the yearly rent of 6d. of silver.

These being witnesses, Philip de Orrebi now Justiciary of Chester, Alan de Tatton, Jeceram de Hellesbi now Sheriff of Cheshire, Richard de Kingesleh, Hugh de Kaluelehe, William son of Eustace, William son of Richard, John de Berleston, Roger the clerk, and many others.

[Seal gone.]

DE WETENHALE to ROBERT his brother of all that land which Richard his father held in the vill of Lachecote, and a moiety of that part of the wood called le Ley which his father held, with all commons &c. pertaining to the vill of Tydulvistam [Tilston] at the yearly rent of 12d.

These being witnesses, Richard Bernard now Sheriff of Cheshire, Robert de Bulkel', William de Ruggel', William de Bunebur', Gilbert Salom, William de Kranlach, William de Sporiston, Richard son of Hugh de Kaluil', Richard de Bulkel', and others.

[Seal of dark green wax (s. RIC' DE WETENHAL).]

[N.B.—Richard Bernard was Sheriff of Chester c. 1248. This deed has been placed in a separate case.]

317. (c. 1270.) Release by RICHARD DE WETENAL to Hugh son of Robert DE WETENAL of all the land

in Werlissam and in Lachecote which ROBERT DE WETENAL formerly held.

These being witnesses, Matthew de Halpram, Hugh de Caluilegh, Alexander de Boneburi, Roger de Lachecote, Richard Dun, Randle the clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

WILLIAM his son, to ROGER DE LACHECOTE of a place of land in Wordhulle, viz. from the upper end of the clearing of John Harun up to the clearing of Roger de Sporst' as it is shut in by the hedge, with a right of way for leading grass and driving animals from the said place up to the gate called le Corchetegate leading towards Becfeld.

These being witnesses, William de Bonebury, William de Bulkeley, Matthew de Alpram, Roger de Sporstow, Hugh de Caluil', David the clerk, and others.

[Two seals of dark green wax, one bearing the inscription s' HU. DE WAR5; the other illegible.]

[This deed has been placed in a separate case.]

ROBERT his son of the land and tenement which he held of the gift of WILLIAM DE BONEBURY in the vill of Bonebury, at the yearly rent of one flower of roses.

These being witnesses, Hugh de Caluylegh,

William de Bulkelegh, David de Beston, Kenewric de Caluylegh, David the clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

RICHARD his son of a moiety of all his part of Halgtonelee, as he held it of the gift of William DE Bonebury, sc. that moiety nearest to the land and waste of William DE Bulkelegh and the land of William Coly, with fruit and blade growing on the land.

These being witnesses, Hugh de Caluylegh, Roger de Spurstow, William of the same, William de Bulkelegh, Peter of the same, William de Halgtone, David the clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

next before the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle [11 June] 1312, in settlement of a controversy between Brother William de Tothale, Prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, and Roger de Lachecot, concerning a moiety of the sustentation of the master of Yeneley (?) and his family once a year at Lachecote, in respect of which Roger de Lachecote and his heirs are to pay 18d. a year to the Prior and his successors out of his lands in Lachecote.

These being witnesses, Brother Reginald de Segraue, Brother Ralph de Castre, Brother John de Schiburn, and others.

[Large seal of green wax, broken. Inscription, s...

WILLI DE TOTHALE surrounding a shield of arms, semble a fess, and on the reverse a large head full face and an inscription . . . PRIORIS.]

[This deed has been placed in a separate case.]

322. (1346.) Quitclaim, dated at Legh juxta le Mere Sunday next after the feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July] A.D. 1346, by DAVID son of RICHARD DUN of Lachecote to John son of John son of Hugh de Legh, of all his right in lands which the same John son of John formerly held of his gift in Wordhull.

These being witnesses, Geoffrey de Werburton, John de Legh, knights, Roger de Leycester, Matthew del Mere, William del Helde, and others. [Seal of dark green wax.]

JOHN DE LEGH of Northwode to JOHN DE STOKE of Asche co. Salop of all his lands and tenements within the territory of the vill of Wordul, and which lands &c. were called Lachecote.

These being witnesses, Arthur Dauenport, Richard de Spurstowe, Thomas Beston, Matthew Mere, Henry Brayne, and many others.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

324. (c. 1400.) Grant by John Stoke of co. Salop to Richard Le Prers of Callural co. Salop of all his lands &c. which he held of the gift of Thomas DE

LEGH son of John de Legh of Northwode, with all their appurtenances within the territory of the vill of Wordul, and which lands &c. were called Lachecote.

The same witnesses as to deed No. 323.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]
[See also No. 520.]

[Attached to this deed is a memorandum of admittance of John de Leygh.]

next after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross [3 May] 6 Henry IV. [1405], from WILLIAM DE TOUNLEGH, glover, to WILLIAM DE STOKE of Calvilegh, of all his right in lands &c. which the said WILLIAM DE STOKE held in Lachecote in the vill of Wordehull of the gift of Thomas DE LEGH of Northwodde.

These being witnesses, John le Maynwaryng now Sheriff of Cheshire, Henry de Spurstow, David Crue of Pulcroft.

[Seal of red wax.]

326. (1478.) Bond, dated 20 Oct. 18 Edward IV. [1478], from Richard Rawland to John Eggerton, senior, gentleman, to secure the conveyance of lands in Bunbury, which had descended to him by the right of his father Thomas Rawland, lying within the parish of Bunbury.

[Seal of reddish brown wax.]

327. (1478.) Grant, dated at Eggerton the Feast of St. Katherine the Virgin [25 Nov.] 18 Edward IV. [1478], by Richard Rawland of Eggerton, son of Thomas Rawland, to John Eggerton of Eggerton, son of Sir John Eggerton late of Eggerton, Knt., of lands &c. in Bunbury, Wordull, Calley, and Tylston in the parish of Bunbury.

These being witnesses, Peter Dutton, Esq., John Heth of Hampton, John Bulkeley of Bikkerton,

and others.

[Armorial seal of reddish brown wax.] [See also Nos. 425 and 426.]

328. (1496.) Lease, dated 24 Nov. 12 Henry VII. [1496], by John Cotgreve, son of Richard Cotgreve, to Peres Eggerton, gent., of a pasture called Lache Cotes in Wordull and Halghton in the parish of Bunbury, of the inheritance of Thomas Dod of Tatenhall, for the term of 11 years from next Lady Day.

These being witnesses, Richard Boton, John Bulkeley of Halghton, Rauf Huxley, and many others.

[Seal gone.]

329. (1497.) Lease, dated 23 Dec. 13 Henry VII. [1497], by Thomas Dodde of Tatenhale to Peres Eggerton, gent., of lands called Lache Cotes in Bunbury, for the term of 10 years from Lady Day 1507. These being witnesses, Toger Beston of Beston,

William Eggeton of Hampton, Richard Bostok the younger, and many others.

[Seal of reddish brown wax.]

330. (1500.) Grant, dated at Wordull 20 Jan. 15 Henry VII. [1499-1500], by Thomas Dodd of Tattenhall co. Chester, yeoman, to Peter Eggerton of Eggerton co. Chester, Esq., of all his lands &c. in the vills and in the fields of Wordhull and Halghton.

These being witnesses, William Dodd of Broxon, William Tattenhall of Herthill, and Thomas Tattenhall of Pekfardyn, and others.

[Seal of red wax.]

331. (1537.) Grant, dated 10 July 29 Henry VIII. [1537], by MATILDA WARBERTON, late wife of WILLIAM BRYDDE of Eggerton, deceased, to WILLIAM CLYFF of Macefen and MARGARET his wife, daughter and heir of the said WILLIAM BRYDDE, of all her part of all those messuages, lands &c. in Bunbury and Wordhull which formerly belonged to the said WILLIAM BRYDDE.

[Seal of dark green wax, broken.]

332. (1537.) Deed of confirmation and quitclaim, dated 12 July 29 Henry VIII. [1537], by WILLIAM CLYFF of Macefen co. Chester, and MARGARET his wife, daughter and heir of WILLIAM BRYDDE late of Eggerton, deceased, to Hugh Eggerton, gent., of all

their part of all the messuages, lands &c. in Bunbury and Wordehull, which formerly belonged to the said WILLIAM BRYDDE and which they had sold to the said HUGH EGGERTON.

[Two seals of dark green wax.]

333. (1574.) Conveyance, dated 16 Aug. 16 Elizabeth [1574], by David Calveley of Peckforton, gent., to Hugh Calveley of Bulckley co. Chester, gent., of lands &c. called Brydsfyelds in Bunbury and Peckforton co. Chester, subject to a yearly rentcharge of 48s. [The recitals show that these lands had been conveyed by William Gratewood of Adderley co. Salop, Esq., to John Preston of Hodnet co. Salop, gent., in 1569 and by the latter to David Calveley in 1572.]

[Seal of red wax.]

334. (1592.) Conveyance, dated 29 Sept. 34 Elizabeth [1592], by John Egerton of Codshall co. Stafford, gent., to Richard Egerton, son and heir apparent of Ralph Egerton of Rydley co. Chester, Esq., of his moiety of certain closes of land called les Ormeffeilds in Bunbury and his moiety of close called le Pavemt feild in Wordhull, and all woods &c. belonging to them, which closes were in the occupation of Dame Mary Egerton, widow, late wife of Sir Richard Egerton, Kt., deceased.

[Seal of brown wax.]

335. (1592.) Quitclaim, dated 30 Sept. 34 Elizabeth [1592], by John Egerton of Codshall co. Stafford, gent., to Richard Egerton, son and heir apparent of Ralph Egerton of Rydley co. Chester, Esq., of all his right in messuages, lands &c. in Tilston, Bunbury, Wordhull and Calveley co. Chester, then in the occupation of Dame Mary Egerton, widow, late wife of Richard Egerton, K^t., deceased.

[Seal of brown wax.]

ROGER BICKERTON of Towneley co. Chester, gent., to RICHARD EGERTON, son and heir apparent of RALPH EGERTON of Rydley co. Chester, Esq., of all his part of certain lands in Bunbury and Wordhull, called les Ormeffeilds and le Pavement feild and all woods &c. belonging to them, which closes were in the occupation of DAME MARY EGERTON, widow, late wife of RICHARD EGERTON, K^t., deceased.

[Seal gone.]

337. (1595.) Lease, dated 31 March 37 Elizabeth [1595], by Thomas Aldersey, citizen and haberdasher of London, to the Governors of the possessions and revenues assigned by Thomas Aldersey for the maintenance of the Free Grammar School and Preacher of the Holy Word and relief of the poor of Bunbury, of the Chauntrie House, and lands in Bunbury, viz.: Chauntrie House, orchard and garden,

cottage in occupation of CICELY BROTHERTON, Brotherton's Crofte, and another small parcel of land (purchased by Thos. Aldersey of Thos. Wilbraham, Esq.), and messuage and farm and orchard meadow, Mere Crofte, Brome Crofte, Barne Crofte, ¹/₄ Garston's Crofte, and another parcel of land in same croft (purchased by Thos. Aldersey of late Thos. Bunbury, Esq.), for the term of 2000 years at the yearly rent of a red rose.

[Not executed.]

338. (1596.) Release, dated 8 January 38 Elizabeth [1595-6], by David Caulveley of Peckforton, gent., and Thomas Caulveley, his son and heir apparent, to Hugh Caulveley of Lea co. Chester, Esq., of a yearly rent of 48s. reserved by conveyance dated 16 Aug. 1574 [No. 333] out of lands &c. called Brydds fields in Peckforton and Bunbury.

[Two armorial seals of reddish brown wax.]

Elizabeth [1596], by John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., to John Egerton of Christleton co. Chester, gent., of the tithes of Tarneton alias Tarton co. Chester, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury or belonging to the dissolved college of Bunbury, and held under demise dated 20 Oct. 35 Eliz. [1593] from Thomas Aldersey, citizen and haberdasher of London, for 200 years at the yearly rent of £18.

[Seal of brown wax.]

340. (1596.) Underlease, dated 4 May 38 Elizabeth [1596], by John Aldersey of Spurstowe in Bunbury, gent., son of Randolfe Aldersey, gent., to William Babbington of Chorley co. Chester, yeoman, of the tithes of Haughton co. Chester, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury, or belonging to the dissolved college of Bunbury, and held under demise dated 20 Oct. 35 Eliz. [1593] from Thomas Aldersey, citizen and haberdasher of London, for 200 years at the yearly rent of £12.

[Seal of reddish brown wax.]

341. (1598.) Counterpart underlease, dated 22 March 40 Eliz. [1597-8], by John Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., to Thomas Wilbram of Woodhey co. Chester, Esq., of the tithes of Tilston alias Tilston Farnall co. Chester, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury &c. &c., for the term of 100 years determinable on three lives (Mary Wilbram wife, Richard Wilbram eldest son, and Thomas Wilbram younger son of the said Thomas Wilbraham) at the yearly rent of £8.

[Seal of brown wax.]

342. (1608.) Underlease, dated 24 Jan. 5 James [1607-8], by RANDLE BULKELEY of Haughton co. Chester, gent., to William Bulkeley his brother, of a messuage and premises in Bunbury, comprised in lease for three lives from Peter Corbett of Spurstowe, Esq.,

to RANDLE BULKELEY dated 28 Nov. 39 Eliz. [1596], for 99 years determinable on the said three lives (William Bulkeley, George Bulkeley, and Anne Bulkeley, children of the said Randle Bulkeley) at the yearly rent of 125.

[Seal of dark brown wax.]

343. (1610.) Conveyance, dated 1 May 8 James [1610], by George Calveley of the Lea co. Chester, Esq., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of lands called Bridd's fields in Bunbury.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

James [1610], by George Calveley of Lea co. Chester, Esq., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of same lands.

[Seal of red wax, a crest.]

345. (1610.) Assignment, dated 3 Oct. 8 James [1610], by William Bebington the elder of Chorley co. Chester, yeoman, to John Leeche of Carden co. Chester, gent., and William Wright the younger of Cholmondeleigh co. Chester, yeoman, of a parcel of land in Haughton containing 60 ft. by 18 ft., and the tithes of Haughton co. Chester parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury (demised by lease No. 340), for the respective residues of terms upon trusts for the benefit of himself and Thomas Bebington his son,

on the marriage of the said Thomas Bebington with Mary Leech, sister of John Leech of Carden.

[Seal of red wax.]

346. (1610.) Release, dated 29 Nov. 8 James [1610], by SIR RICHARD WILBRAHAM of Woodhey co. Chester, Knt., and George Calveley of the Lea co. Chester, Esq., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., in fee simple, of a messuage, lands &c. in Leigh near Barnton alias Leigh near Dutton co. Chester called Bromfields in the hole (lately purchased of SIR RICHARD WILBRAHAM and his father Thomas Wilbraham deceased), and of the field called Bridds fields in Bunbury (lately purchased of George Calveley).

[Two seals of red wax, one a crest.]

347. (1618.) Conveyance, dated 28 June 16 James [1618], by Sir Hugh Beeston of Beeston co. Chester, Knt., and Nicholas Fortescue of Cookehill co. Worcester, Esq., by his direction, to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., in fee simple, of a messuage and lands in Bunbury, subject to two subsisting leases.

[Two armorial seals of red wax.]

348. (1618.) Counterpart lease, dated 21 Sept. 1618, by Sir Henry Bunbury of Stanney co. Chester, Knt., to William Hilton of Beeston co. Chester, husbandman, of a messuage and lands in Bunbury, for the term of three lives (the said William Hilton,

ELLEN HILTON his wife, and THOMAS CAPPER of Spurstow the younger) at the yearly rent of £19 10d. [Seal of red wax, broken.]

349. (1627.) Conditional surrender, dated 14 March 2 Charles [1626-7], by WILLIAM HILTON of Bunbury, husbandman, to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of a messuage and lands in Bunbury, comprised in lease dated 21 Dec. [Sept.?] 1618 [No. 348], to make a perfect tenant of the freehold for the purposes of a Recovery about to be suffered.

[Armorial seal of red wax, a chevron between 3 horses' heads.]

350. (1617.) Deed, dated 14 March 1626[-7], by SIR HENRY BUNBURY of Stanney co. Chester, Knight, and HENRY BUNBURY, Esq., his son and heir apparent, to suffer a Recovery of a messuage &c. near Goslaund Green (inhabited by WILL*. HILTON), a messuage near Oteworth Green (John WRIGHT), and a cottage near Oteworth Green (PIERS WRIGHT), all in Bunbury, to the use of John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., in fee simple (and of a messuage and premises in Bunbury to the use of Robert Bradshaw of Bunbury, yeoman, in fee simple).

[Five seals of red wax, one armorial.]

351. (1627.) Surrender, dated 13 June 3 Charles [1627], by Rondull Bulkeley of Haughton co. Chester,

gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent, of a lease dated 28 Nov. 39 Eliz. [1596] from Peter Corbett to Rondull Bulkely of a messuage &c. in Bunbury (subject to underlease No. 342.)

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

352. (1631.) Underlease, dated 15 July 7 Charles [1631], by SIR RICHARD WILBRAHAM of Woodhey co. Chester, Knt. and Bart., to John Wilson and Hugh Orton both of Wordhull, yeomen (operating as an assignment of a lease), of the tithes of Wordhull co. Chester, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury, held by SIR RICHARD WILBRAHAM under lease dated 20 July 6 Charles [1630] from John Aldersey of Spurstow for a term of 21 years, for the residue of the term at the yearly rent of £7 (with the exception of the tithes &c. issuing out of SIR RICHARD WILBRAHAM's own demesne lands and his leasehold lands).

[Seal gone.]

353. (1636.) Counterpart lease, dated 14 Jan. 11 Charles [1635-6], by William Raven of Elworth co. Chester, gent., to Elizabeth Glover of Spurstow, widow, of a messuage and premises in Bunbury, then or late in the occupation of John Moland, gent., for 7 years at the yearly rent of 20 marks.

[Seal gone.]

354. (1637.) Lease, dated 1 Feb. 12 Charles [1636-7], by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., Escheator

for the county of Chester, to BARTHOLOMEW HUGHET of Bunbury Milnes, of two water corn mills in Bunbury, for the term of $5\frac{1}{2}$ years at the yearly rent of £20.

[Seal gone.]

355. Counterpart of deed No. 354.

356. (1642.) Assignment, dated I Dec. 18 Charles [1642], by Thomasin Hatton, widow and administratrix of Richard Hatton late of Tarneton alias Tarton co. Chester, yeoman, to Henry Ridley of Weston in the parish of Wibunburie co. Chester, gent., of a lease dated 4 May 38 Eliz. [1596] (No. 339) of the tithes of Tarneton alias Tarton, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury, for residue of term of 200 years.

[Seal of red wax.]

357. (1655.) Assignment, dated 7 Nov. 1655, by HENRY RIDLEY of Weston co. Chester, gent., to RICHARD HATTON of Tarneton co. Chester, yeoman, of same lease of the tithes of Tarneton alias Tarton, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury, for residue of term of 200 years.

[Seal gone.]

358. (1668.) Surrender, dated 19 January 1667[-8], by Thomasin Hatton of Tereton alias Teverton co.

Chester, widow, and RICHARD HATTON, yeoman, her son, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., of the same lease of the tithes of Tereton alias Teverton.

[Seal gone.]

Charles II. [1667-8], by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Richard Hatton of Teverton alias Tarton co. Chester, yeoman, of the tithes of Teverton alias Tarton co. Chester, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury, for 128 years at the yearly rent of £20.

[Seal gone.]

- 360. (1713.) Chirograph Fine, dated 25 Aug. 12 Anne [1713], between George Davenport, Esq., Robert Aldersey, gent., and Thomas Bressie, gent., plaintiffs, and Joseph Buckley and Anne his wife, George Mollineux, John Massey, and Richard Wilson, deforciants, of land in Wardle alias Wardhull co. Chester, to the use of the said George Davenport, Robert Aldersey, and Thomas Bressie and the heirs of George Davenport.
- 361. (1714.) Conveyance, dated I May 1714, by John Comberbach of Ridley co. Chester, yeoman, and William Sumner of Haughton als Haighton co. Chester, husbandman, the Churchwardens of the

parish of Bunbury, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., in fee simple, of the right hand pew or seat in the middle of the second row in the gallery at the west end of the Parish Church of Bunbury (under letters testimonial signed by Thomas Wainwright, Vicar General and Official Principal of the Bishop of Chester).

[Two seals of red wax.]

362. (1745.) Counterpart lease, dated 10 June 1745, by ROBERT ALDERSEY of Spurstow, Esq., to ABRAHAM Done of Bunbury, gent., of the tithes of the township of Bunbury, parcel of the Rectory of Bunbury, for the term of 21 years at the yearly rent of £20.

[Seal and part of signature cut off, and endorsed "cancelled"]

363. (1779.) Conveyance, dated 23 Nov. 1779, by John Young of Bonebury, yeoman, to his uncle Peter Young of Bunbury, yeoman, of a leasehold close of land in Bonebury called the Oxhay, for the residue of the life of Richard Bostock, the only life then living for which premises were held under lease dated 26 May 1727 from Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Samuel Young the grandfather of the said John Young.

[Two seals of red wax.]

364. (1616.) Appointment, dated 8 Nov. 1616, by the Master and Wardens of Haberdashers Hall, London,

(under powers of letters patent under Great Seal of England dated 2 Jan. 36 Eliz. [1593-4],) of John Swan, clerk, to the office of Vicar or Curate of Bunbury, lately become void by the departure of — Oseley, to be assistant to the Preacher there.

[Seal gone.]

- 365. (1629.) Appointment, dated 24 Sept. 1629, by the Master and Wardens of Haberdashers Hall, London, of Samuel Torshell, clerk, of Christ's College, Cambridge, M.A., to the office of Preacher at Bunbury, lately become void by the death of William Hinde.
- [Large seal of reddish brown wax. Aldersey arms (with bend engrailed), and round them THOMAS..ALLDER-SEYA.]
- 366. (1647.) Appointment, dated 18 May 1647, by the Master and Wardens of Haberdashers Hall, London, of Daniell Sunderland, M.A., to the office of Preacher at Bunbury, lately become void by the resignation of Samuel Torshell.

[Seal gone.]

367. (1636.) Draft Inquisition post mortem of SIR HENRY BUNBURY, Knt., taken 7 October 12 Charles [1636] before Thomas Aldersey, Esq., Escheator for the county of Chester, and signed at the end by the Jury [shewing that he was formerly seised (inter alia) of

one pair of gloves or one penny issuing out of a certain place called Birds fields (cf. No. 314), which he settled by deed dated 11 Sept. 1616].

- 368. Contemporary Transcript on paper of Conveyance dated 28 June 16 James [1618] (No. 347).
- 369. Copy, made in July 1668, of a portion of the Inquisition post mortem of Sir Henry Bunbury, Knt., taken 1636 (No. 367).
- 370. Copy, made in July 1668, of a portion of the Inquisition post mortem of Thomas Bunbury, Esq., taken 10 April 44 Eliz. [1602], [shewing that his father Henry Bunbury, Esq., died seised of hereditaments in Hoole juxta Chester, Bunbury, Middlewick, Stanney, Stoke, and Ouleston co. Chester].



GROUP No. 6.

A. DEEDS RELATING TO THE HUXLEY FAMILY. (1449—1679.)

371. (1449.) Grant, dated at Huxley Thursday next after the feast of St. Dunstan [21 Oct.] 28 Henry VI. [1449], by John de Huxley of Hulfield to Philip de Huxley, his kinsman, and Katherine his wife, of all his lands &c. in Huxley.

These being witnesses, John de Dutton of Hatton, John Doune, Thomas de Beston, Richard de Clyve, Henry de Bostok, and others.

[Seal of red wax.]

- 372. (1476.) Chirograph Fine, dated Tuesday next after the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle [24 Aug.] 16 Edward IV. [1476], between Thomas Hux-Ley of Brynley, plaintiff, and William Braylesford and Agnes his wife, Thomas Godale and Margery his wife, deforciants, of a moiety of messuages, lands &c. in Teverton and Torpurley.
- 373. (1479.) Receipt, dated 10 Oct. 19 Edward IV. [1479], from Ellen, widow of Thomas Mohald, senior, to Thomas Huxley, son of Philip Huxley, for 33s. 4d. awarded by Hugh Calveley K^t. and Peter Dutton of Hátton, sen., Esq., arbitrators.

[Two seals of red wax, broken.]

374. (1480.) Agreement, dated 4 Oct. 20 Edward IV. [1480], and made previous to the marriage of Thomas Huxley of Bryndeley and Eve, daughter of Richard Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq. [Seals cut off.]

375. (1507.) Feoffment, dated 20 Nov. 23 Henry VII. [1507], by Thomas Huxley, son and heir of Philip Huxley, to Richard Cholmondeley, Esq., William Wilbram, Esq., Ralph Huxley of Sidnall, and James Huxley his son, of all his messuages, lands &c. in Huxley, Clotton, and Hulfeld co. Chester. [Seal of brown wax.]

376. (1507.) Grant, dated 10 Dec. 23 Henry VII. [1507], by Richard Cholmondeley, Esq., William Wilbram, Esq., and Ralph Huxley of Sidenhall to Thomas Huxley, son and heir of Philip Huxley, of messuages, lands &c. in Huxley, Clotton, and Hulfeld co. Chester, to uses in favour of the said Thomas Huxley for life, with remainder to his sons James, John and Ralph successively in tail male, remainders over.

These being witnesses, Hugh Dauenport, son and heir apparent of Ralph Dauenport of Calveley, Esq., Thomas Prestlond of Wordull, Esq., Thomas Tatenhall of Bulkeley, and many others.

[Three seals of reddish brown wax.]

before the feast of St. German the Bishop [28 May] 5 Henry VIII. [1513], by RICHARD HUXLEY of Huxley to Robert Tatton, clerk, Rector of the parish church of Waverton, William Bernston of Churton, Richard Tilston junior, and Thomas Huxley, chaplain, of all his messuages, lands &c. in Huxley and Clotton Hulfield co. Chester.

These being witnesses, Richard Clive of Huxley, Esq., Hugh Tilston of Huxley, James Cotgreve of Cotton, and many others.

[Seal gone.]

378. (1528.) Bond, dated 18 January 19 Henry VIII. [1527-8], from Robert Huxley of Huxley, son and heir of Richard Huxley late of Huxley, deceased, Richard Tilston of Huxley and Ralph [Monnyng] of Cleley to James Huxley of Brynley, to perform covenants in indentures of even date.

[Three seals of reddish brown wax.]

379. (1528.) Feoffment, dated 20 March 19 Henry VIII. [1527-8], by Robert Huxley of Huxley, son and heir of Richard Huxley late of Huxley, deceased, to James Huxley of Bryndeley, of two closes of land in Huxley, and four butts of land in the fields of Huxley.

[Seal of red wax.]

380. (1529.) Bond, dated 12 May 21 Henry VIII. [1529], from Robert Huxley, son and heir of Richard Huxley late of Huxley, deceased, to James Huxley of Bryndeley, concerning the same lands in Huxley, against incumbrances and for further assurance.

[Seal of brown wax.]

- 381. (1529.) Lease, dated 14 Oct. 21 Henry VIII. [1529], by James Huxley of Brondelegh co. Chester, and Maude his wife, to Nicholas Waleye and Margaret his wife, daughter of John Murghall, of a messuage and lands &c. in Tyresford near Teverton co. Chester, for the lives of the said James Huxley and Maude his wife if the lessees or any of them should so long live, at the yearly rent of 16s. 4d. [Signatures and seals cut off.]
- 382. (1534.) Memorandum, dated 12 Oct. 1534, of the examination of SIR HENRY DICKYNSON of Merbury co. Chester, priest, and his confession that he had forged and delivered to John Huxley, son of Philyppe Huxley of Merbury, certain deeds relating to the lands of Jamys Huxley of Brindley.

 [Seal gone.]

383. (1554.) Mortgage, dated 20 July 2 Mary [1554], by Sir Hugh Cholmondeley of Cholmondeley co.

Chester, Knt., to George Huxley of Bryndeley co. Chester, of land in Bryndeley or Baddeley co. Chester, called Higher Lees and Netter Lees, for the residue of a term of 60 years, as security for 20 marks.

[Seal gone, and deed slashed with a knife.]

384. (1597.) Bond, dated 19 Nov. 1597, from WILLIAM LUKY of Michell co. Cornwall, yeoman, to George Huxley of Brynley co. Chester, gent., to secure the assurance of the interests of the said WILLIAM LUKY and Dorothy his wife in messuages, lands &c. in Tyresford and Chilton in the parishes of Bunbury and Tarporley co. Chester.

[Seal of brown wax.]

- 385. (1598.) Chirograph Fine, dated 25 Sept. 40 Elizabeth [1598], between George Huxley, gent., plaintiff, and William Luekey and Dorothy his wife, deforciants, of messuages, lands &c. in Torperley, Bunbury, Terton, Tiresford, Tiseley, and Chilton.
- 386. (1601.) Chirograph Fine, dated 21 Sept. 43 Elizabeth [1601], between RALPH HUXLEY, plaintiff, and Thomas Palyn and Sarah his wife, deforciants, of land in Brynley.
- 387. (1603.) Conveyance, dated 16 March 45 Elizabeth [1602-3], by George Huxley, Citizen and Haberdasher of London, to Rauffe Huxley of

Brynley co. Chester, yeoman, of messuages, lands &c. in Tyresford, Teverton, Clotton, Hulfielde or Clotton Hulfielde, Huxley, and Northwiche co. Chester.

[Seal gone.]

- 388. (1603.) Chirograph Fine, dated 3 Oct. 1 James [1603], between RALPH HUXLEY, gent., plaintiff, and George Huxley and Katherine his wife, deforciants, of messuages, lands &c. in Torperley, Tyresford, Teverton, Clotton, Hulfield, Clotton Hulfield, Huxley, and Northwiche.
- 389. (1626.) Settlement, dated 18 Feb. 1 Charles 1625[-6], by RAUFFE HUXLEY of Bryndeley co. Chester, gent., of messuages, lands &c. in Torpurley, Teverton, Tyresford, Huxley, Beeston, Tattenhall, Newton near Tattenhall, Leigh alias Ley near Dutton, and Northwiche co. Chester, previous to the marriage of George Huxley, son and heir apparent of the said RAUFFE, and MARY ALDERSEY, daughter of John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

- 390. Counterpart of deed No. 389.
- 391. (1653.) Conveyance, dated 22 March 1652[-3], by SIR WILLIAM BRERETON of Hondford co. Chester,

Bart., to George Huxley the elder, of Bryndley, gent., and George Huxley the younger, his son and heir apparent, of the reversion expectant on the determination of a lease for lives of a messuage and lands in Bryndley co. Chester.

[Seal of red wax.]

- 392. (1653.) Chirograph Fine, dated 26 Sept. 1653, between George Huxley the elder, gent., and George Huxley the younger, gent., his son and heir apparent, plaintiffs, and Sir William Brereton, Bart., deforciant, of a messuage and lands in Brindley co. Chester.
- GEORGE HUXLEY the elder of Brindley co. Chester, gent., to GEORGE HUXLEY the younger, his son and heir apparent, of all the personal estate of the said GEORGE HUXLEY the elder, in consideration of his joining with him in settling a messuage in Beeston upon Ales Dutton, the intended wife of the said GEORGE HUXLEY the elder, as her jointure.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

394. (1671.) Settlement, dated 4 Sept. 23 Charles II. [1671], of messuages, lands &c. in Brindley, Torpurley, Teverton, Tyresford, Huxley, Beeston, Tattenhall, Newton near Tattenhall, Leigh alias Ley near Dutton, and Northwich co. Chester, after the

marriage of George Huxley of Brindley, gent., and Mary, one of the daughters of Thomas Lee late of Darnhall co. Chester, Esq., deceased, by Elizabeth his wife, now wife of Robert Venables of Wincham co. Chester, Esq.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

395. Counterpart of deed No. 394.

Signed by Thomas Lee of Darnhall, Esq., and Thomas Aldersey of the city of Chester, gent., the trustees.

[Two small armorial seals of red wax.]

396. (1672.) Counterpart lease, dated 27 Dec. 1672, by George Huxley of Brindeley, gent., to Richard Platt of Beeston co. Chester, yeoman, of land in Huxley, for the term of 21 years at the yearly rent of £6.

[Seal gone.]

397. (1676.) Counterpart Settlement, dated 2 Sept. 1676, of messuages, lands &c. in Brindley, Huxley, Tarpurley, Teverton, Tyresford, Beeston, Tattenhall, Newton near Tattenhall, Leigh alias Ley near Dutton, and Northwich co. Chester, after the marriage of Thomas Huxley, son and heir apparent of George Huxley of Brindley, gent., and Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Peter Wilbraham son and heir apparent of Roger Wilbraham of Derefold co. Chester, Esq.

[One seal gone, two remaining of red wax covered with paper.]

398. (1679.) Counterpart lease, dated 22 Sept. 1679, by George Huxley of Brindley, gent., and Thomas Huxley, his son and heir apparent, to Thomas Large of Huxley, husbandman, of a messuage and premises at Huxley, for the term of three lives, at the yearly rent of 20s.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

- B. DEEDS RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF BASNETT OF BARNTON, CO. CHESTER. (1678—1705.)
- 399. (1678.) Articles of Agreement, dated 2 Feb. 30 Charles II. [1677-8], and made previous to the marriage of John Thomasson, eldest son and heir apparent of John Thomasson of Huxley co. Chester, gent., and Mary Bassnett, eldest daughter of Joseph Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent.

[See also No. 508 (the settlement made in pursuance of these articles).]

400. (1688.) Lease for six months, dated 6 April 1688, by John Minshull of Coddington co. Chester, gent., to Joseph Bassnett the elder of Barneton co. Chester, gent., and others, of two messuages &c. in Foregate Street, Chester, another messuage &c. in Whitchurch co. Salop, and all other messuages and lands in Chester and Whitchurch and the village of Minera co. Denbigh.

- 401. (1688.) Settlement, by Release dated 7 April 1688, of the same lands, after the marriage of John Minshull of Coddington co. Chester, gent., and Frances, daughter of Joseph Basnett the elder of Barneton co. Chester, gent.
- 402. (1705.) Probate, dated 12 June 1705, before Tho-MAS WAINWRIGHT, Official Principal of Nicholas, Bishop of Chester, of the Will (dated 15 January 1704-5) of Isaac Bassnett of Heycroft in Spurstow co. Chester, gent.

[In this will mention is made amongst other people of his wife Mary, his brother Robert Aldersey, his nephew Daniell Aldersey, and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.]

DEEDS RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF HIGNETT OF CHESTER, &c. (1698—1728.)

- JOSEPH MADDOCKE of the city of Chester, tanner, and others, to Cornelius Hignett of Allington co. Denbigh, gent., of a messuage and lands (the Ryecroft, Nine Butts in field called the Grandford or Gaynford, the Cornell Meadow, the Long Field and the Great Field) in Darland alias Allington co. Denbigh.
- 404. (1710.) Assignment, dated 2 Feb. 1709[-10], by Cornelius Hignert of the city of Chester, gent.,

to Henry Briscoe of Kelsall co. Chester, yeoman, of two closes called the Sparke and Great Church Heath in Ashton co. Chester, for residue of term of 99 years, determinable on the lives of Jonathan Hignett, the said Cornelius Hignett his son, and Rebeckah Rutter his daughter, granted by lease from Henry Davyes late of Ashton, Esq., dated 3 June 28 Car. II. [1676].

- THOMAS HELSBEY of Frodsham co. Chester, yeoman, to Cornelius Hignert of the city of Chester, gent., of two pieces of land in Frodsham co. Chester, called the Four Measures Sowing under Callyes hedge and Batts Butts, both in Moisthill.
- 406. (1723.) Release, dated 4 June 1723, by Thomas Helsby of Frodsham co. Chester, yeoman, to Cornellus Hignert of the city of Chester, gent., of same land in Frodsham co. Chester.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

- JOHN DUTTON of Frodsham, gent., to CORNELIUS HIGNETT of the city of Chester, gent., of lands in Frodsham co. Chester called Bradley Land and Eight Butts.
- 408. (1726.) Release, dated 3 Aug. 1726, by John Dutton of Frodsham, gent., to Cornelius Hignett

of the city of Chester, gent., of same lands in Frodsham co. Chester.

- 409. (1728.) Release, dated 9 Sept. 1728, by LEONARD GRANTHAM of the city of Chester, gent., to Corne-LIUS HIGNETT of the same city, gent., of all actions.
- of a conveyance by Lease and Release, dated 9 and 10 Sept. 1728, by Leonard Grantham of the city of Chester, gent., to Cornelius Hignett of the said city of Chester, gent., of the manor of Ashton alias Ashdon co. Chester, and messuages, lands &c., in Ashton aforesaid.

[The recitals in this deed show that the manor and lands formerly belonged to Henry Davies, then to Roger Whitley of Peele co. Chester, Esq., and his mortgagees, and were purchased in 1718 by Leonard Grantham under an order in a foreclosure action.]

411. (1736.) Probate, dated 4 June 1736, of the Will (dated 5 January 1735-6) of Cornelius Highert of the city of Chester, gent.

[Mention is made of his three daughters, Mary the wife of Dr. Thomas Aldersey, Catherine and Margaret Hignett, of whom the two latter are appointed executrixes. Margaret Hignett afterwards married the Rev. Samuel Aldersey.]

[See also No. 485.]

D. EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO TILSTON. (c. 1260—1621.)

412. (c. 1260.) Grant by John Panynton of Tidulvistan [Tilston] to Robert Salemon, of the fourth part of the mill of Tidulvistan [Tilston] at the annual rent of 6d.

These being witnesses, Sir Martin, chaplain, Sir Alexander de Boneburi, Patrick de Boneburi, William de Bostan, Hugh de Calveleye, Richard his son, William de Sporiston, Richard Royts (?) [Royton (?)], Richard de Andelim, and many others.

[Seal of dark green wax (with inscription SIGILUM IOHANN PAN . . .).]

[This deed has been placed in a separate case.]

413. (1316.) Quitclaim, dated at Burton the Invention of the Holy Cross [3 May] 1316, by Simon son of Adam de Burton to John son of John de Worlusham, of all his right in a messuage and land in Tildestan [Tilston] which he held of the grant of David son of Hugh de Bonebury.

These being witnesses, William de Spurstowe, David de Beston, Hugh de Lachecote, David son of Hugh de Bonebury, clerk, Peter de Wetenale, clerk, and others.

[Seal of white wax, broken.]

414. (1333.) Quitclaim, dated at Bunbury Sunday next before the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, 1333, by John de Asshton and Anelia his wife to John son of John de Worlusham, of all their right in lands in Tildestan [Tilston] which they had derived from David [father (?)] of the said Anelia and from Simon son of Adam de Burton.

These being witnesses, Matthew de Holgreue, David de Beston, Richard de Presteland, Hugh del Cley, Peter de Wetenale, clerk, and others.

[Seal of white wax.]

415. (1346.) Grant, dated at Tydlustun Sunday next after the feast of St. Botolph [17 June] 1346, by John son of John de Worlusham to David del Cleyus, of all his lands &c. in Tydlustun which he held of the gift of David son of Hugh de Bonebury.

These being witnesses, Robert de Bulkyl, David son of David de Caluyl, Hugh del Cleyus, David son of Richard de Caluyl, and others.

[Seal gone.]

416. (1410.) Lease, dated at Tilston Monday next after the feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] 12 Henry IV. [1410], by Christopher del Wode to John son of Thomas le Rede, of all the lands and tenements which the said John formerly held of him in Tilston and Calvyley, for the term of ten years at the yearly rent of 3 marks.

These being witnesses, John Done of Utkynton,

William Wetenhale of Alpram, John de Alpram, John Jamesone, Robert Benet, and others.

[Seal gone.]

Thursday next after the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross [May 3] II Henry VII. [1496], by Christopher Del Wode, gent., to Peter Eggerton, gent., of all his right in messuages, lands &c. in Tidleston Farnehale co. Chester, which descended to the said Christopher on the death of Robert Del Wode his father.

These being witnesses, Hugh Calveley, Esq., Tocher de Beston, Ralph Dauenport of Calveley, William Brescy, William Hulgreve, and many others.

[Seal gone.]

DAVENPORT of Calveley, Esq., to RALPH LEFTE-wiche of Leftewiche co. Chester, Esq., and James Roe of Acton co. Chester, gent., of a messuage called Le Cleyes in Tilston near Bunbury co. Chester, and lands belonging to it in Tilston aforesaid and in Bunbury and Wordhull alias Wordle. Feoffees to stand seised to uses in favour of Margaret, wife of the said Hugh Davenport, and his younger sons, George, William, and John.

[Seal gone.]

419. (1607.) Conveyance, dated 20 Aug. 5 James [1607], by WILLIAM DAVENPORT, one of the younger sons

of Hugh Davenport of Calveley, Esq., deceased, to his elder brother George Davenport, of a third part of a messuage called Le Cleyes in Tilston near Bunbury and lands belonging to it in Tilston, Bunbury, and Wordhull ats Wordle.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

420. (1609.) Deed, dated 6 Sept. 7 James [1609], declaring the use of a Recovery suffered by George Davenport of The Cleyes co. Chester, gent., one of the younger sons of Hugh Davenport, Esq., deceased, of two thirds of a messuage in Tilston wherein George Davenport dwelt, and two thirds of lands &c. belonging to it in Tilston aforesaid, Bunbury, Wordhull alias Wordle, and Alpram co. Chester, in favour of trustees to the use of himselt in fee simple.

[Seal of red wax, broken.]

by George Davenport of Cleyes in Tilston co. Chester, gent., to George Davenport, his son and heir apparent, of his reversionary life interest (expectant on the death without issue male of his brother Arthur Davenport) under deed dated 30 Oct. 41 Eliz. [1599] in the manors, messuages, lands &c. in Calveley, Heswall, Wythington, Ranowe, Somerford, and Swettenham co. Chester, the inheritance of Hugh Davenport the father of the said George Davenport the elder, the said George Davenport the younger being tenant in tail male in remainder under the same deed. Power of revocation on payment of 5s. [Armorial seal of red wax, a fesse, in chief 3 mullets.]

E. EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO TATTENHALL. (1287 to 1494.)

422. (c. 1287.) Lease by RICHARD TAYLARD to THOMAS, his brother, of all his lands in Tatinhale [Tattenhall] for the term of 21 years from the Feast of St. Michael, 15 Edw. I. [1287], at the yearly rent of 6d., in consideration of 100s.

These being witnesses, Thomas de Herch, Thomas de Bellew (Bella aq^e), Robert de Neuton, Philip of the same, John le Manc, William de Hanlegh, and others.

[Seal gone.]

423. (1361.) Grant, dated Tatenhale Thursday next after the feast of St. Ambrose the Bishop [4 April] 35 Edward III. [1361], by DAVID son of ROBERT DEL GRENES to PHILIP FYLKYN and ALICE daughter of RICHARD STRECH, his wife, of a messuage &c. called Le Grenes in Tatenhale, to hold in tail special, with remainder to the right heirs of the said PHILIP.

These being witnesses, Philip de Eggerton, David de Malepas, Richard de Goleburne, Robert Godemon, William Morgan, Richard de Neuton, Thomas le Heuster, and others.

[Seal gone.]

424. (1361.) Quitclaim, dated Tatenhale Tuesday next after the feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May] 35 Edward III. [1361], by DAVID son of ROBERT DEL GRENES to PHILIP FYLKYN and ALICE daughter of

RICHARD STRECH, his wife, of all his right in a messuage &c. in Tatenhale called Le Grenes, to hold in tail special, with remainder to the right heirs of the said Philip.

These being witnesses, Philip de Eggerton, David de Malepas, Richard de Eton, Robert Godemon, Richard de Neuton, and others.

[Seal gone.]

VII. [1494], by Thomas Dodde of Tatenhale to Richard Bostoc of Huxley, younger son to Richard Bostoc of Huxley, of a pasture called Lachcot beside Edelfelde Pavmont late in the holding of Harry Stowke, for the term of 21 years, at the yearly rent of a peppercorn for the first three years of the term, and afterwards at the yearly rent of 13s. 4d., and also paying to St. John of Jerusalem 12d. of chief [rent]. [Seal gone.]

426. Counterpart of deed No. 425. [Seal gone.]

[N.B.—The last two deeds should have been placed amongst the Bunbury Deeds, and come next before No. 238.]

F. EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO CALVELEY. (1315 to 1636.)

427. (1315.) Grant, dated Calvilegh Friday in the feast of the Decollation of St. John the Baptist [29 Aug.] 1315, by Kenewric de Calvylegh to Hugh de

CLEYS in fee simple, of land in Calvilegh, with licence to build a house, at the yearly rent of 9s. 6d.

These being witnesses, William de Bulkelegh, William de Spurstow, David de Bestan, David son of Hugh de Bonbury, David de Caluilegh, clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

428. (1338.) Lease, dated Sunday next after the feast of St. James the Apostle [25 July] 1338, by David son of Nicholas de Pecforton to Christian widow of Roger de Lachecote, of a messuage and a third part of lands &c. in Calvylegh, Halghton, and Tidleston, for the term of her life, at the yearly rent of 1d.

These being witnesses, Robert de Calvylegh, David son of Robert de Wetunhale, Richard de Litteloue, Hugh de Cleyus, Peter of the same, clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

429. (1346.) Grant, dated Bonebury Sunday next after the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, 1346, by William de Bulkyl of Alpram to Hugh del Cleyus, of land in Calvylegh in fee simple, on condition that the said Hugh should dig and make a boundary fence.

These being witnesses, William de Spurstow, Robert de Ridlegh, Robert de Bulkyl, Peter de Calvyl, Hugh de Wordull, and others.

[Seal gone.]

430. (1349.) Grant, dated Calvylegh the morrow of St. James [26 July], 1349, by DAVID son of RICHARD

DE CALVYLEGH to PETER DEL CLEYUS, of all his lands &c. in Wordull and also all the lands &c. in Calvylegh which he held of the feoffment of Henry DE Mallogh (?).

These being witnesses, William de Spurstow, David de Calvylegh, Hugh de Wordull, William Alcokkessone, Peter de Calvylegh, Richard de Wordull, John le Trypper (?), and others.

[Seal gone.]

of St. John the Baptist [24 June] 2 Richard III. [1485], by Hugh Calveley, Esq., of Richard Hokenell and William Hokenell as his attorneys to deliver seisin to Thomas Gelebrond of lands &c. in Aldersey, Hatton, Deresbury, Acton, and Spurstow. [Seal gone.]

[See No. 30, which this deed should follow.]

432. (1559.) Counterpart Lease, dated 4 Feb. 1 Eliz. [1558-9], by Katherine Egerton and Anne Childe, widow, sisters and heirs of Hugh Egerton late of Clayes co. Chester, deceased, to Richard Hunt of Wordehull co. Chester, Margery his wife, and John Hunt son of the said Richard, of a messuage in Calveley late in the occupation of Richard Wolley and the lands belonging thereto, for the term of their three lives, at the yearly rent of 125. 4d.

[Three small seals of brown wax.]

433. (1636.) Underlease, dated 1 April 1636, by George Calveley of Peckforton co. Chester, gent., to

Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., Escheator for the County of Chester, of a messuage and lands called Dobbe's farm in Calveley, held under a lease for three lives dated 7 April 11 Car. [1635] from Hugh Calveley of Lea, Esq., for a term of eight years if the c. q. v. should so long live.

[Seal gone.]

G. EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO BEESTON. (1414 to 1497.)

434. (1414.) Release, dated Teverton Thursday next before the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist [24 June] 2 Henry V. [1414], by Matthew del Mere to William son of Thomas de Beston, of an annual rent of 40s. from lands and tenements in Hellesby.

These being witnesses, Randle le Maynwaring, Henry Brayne, Robert del Mere, and many others. [Seal of red wax, broken.]

435. (1485.) Bond, dated 14 Oct. 1485, from John Beston, Esq., and Tocher Beston, his son and heir apparent, to RALPH Monyng for £40, to secure the quiet enjoyment of a messuage and lands in Beston co. Chester, granted to him by the said John by deed dated 12 Oct. 1485.

[Two seals of red wax.]

435* (1485.) Notarial instrument, dated 20 Nov. 1485, in the vill of Huxley before Robert Clerk, clerk and notary public, relating to the delivery of the above mentioned Bond (No. 435) and the deed of 12 Oct.

1485, by John Beston, Esq., and Tocher Beston, his son and heir apparent, to RALPH MANNYNG.

These being witnesses, Thomas Cotyngham, William Graggory, Thomas Mannyng, and others of the same diocese specially cited.

436. (1487.) Quitclaim, dated Beston Wednesday next after the feast of St. George the Martyr [23 April] 2 Henry VII. [1487], by John Donne of Utkynton Knight, to Ralph Monnyng, of all his right in two fields with three crofts adjoining in Beston called the Milnefilde and the Fordefilde.

These being witnesses, Peter Dutton of Hatton, senior, Peter Dutton of Hatton, junior, esquires, John Aldersey of Aldersey, Robert Mascy of Eggerley, Ralph Huxley, and many others.

[Seal of red wax.]

437. (1496.) Appointment, dated 7 Dec. 12 Henry VII. [1496], by John Beston of Beston, Esq., of William Mascy, son and heir of Robert Mascy of Egerley, as his attorney to deliver possession of lands in Beston to Ralph Mannyng.

These being witnesses, Hugh Downys, Robert Whitefild, James Rider, and many others.

[Seal gone.]

438. (1497.) Bond, dated 20 Dec. 13 Henry VII. [1497], from Toger Beston of Beston, Esq., William Brok of Beston, William Nuburgh of the same, and Henry of the same, to Agnes, widow of Ralph Mannyng, Thomas Mannyng of Chester,

and DAVID ALEN, in 20 marks to secure the receipt by the said Agnes of an annual rent of 12s. out of a messuage and lands in Beston, which the said RALPH Monnyng held in fee of the gift of John Beston father of the said Toger, for a term of 16 years.

[Four small seals of reddish brown wax.]

H. EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO BROXTON. (1331 to 1657.)

439. (1331.) Grant, dated Broxton Sunday next after the feast of St. Martin the Bishop [11 Nov.] 1331, by Angharta daughter of Ughtred Le Brid of Broxton to Richard de Eddislegh, of a messuage and land called le Hechgrene in Broxton.

These being witnesses, William de Praers now Sheriff of Cheshire, David de Beston, Thomas son of Henry de Broxon, . . . son of Adam le Brid, and John son of Hugh le Brid, and others.

[Seal gone.]

440. (1627.) Defeasance, dated 8 May 3 Charles [1627], from Thomas Mowlson, citizen and alderman of the city of London, to John Dod of Broxon, gent., of a conveyance, dated 14 March 1627, of a capital messuage and lands in Broxon, late the inheritance of Piers Dod, gent., deceased, late grandfather of the said John Dod, on payment of £600.

[Seal gone.]

- 441. (1657.) Attested Copy of a Lease for six months, dated 14 Aug. 1657, by Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to John Leech of Carden co. Chester, Esq., of messuages and tenements in Broxton, Great Barrowe, and Boldsworth co. Chester, and of two messuages and tenements in Aldersey co. Chester in the occupation of Thomas Pulford and John Smith.
- 442. (1657.) Attested Copy of a Release, dated 15 Aug. 1657, by Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to John Leech of Carden co. Chester, Esq., in fee simple, of same messuages, lands &c. in Broxton, Great Barrowe, Boldsworth, and Aldersey co. Chester.
- [N.B.—The last two deeds should have been placed among the Aldersey deeds in Group No. 3, before deed No. 232.]

I. EARLY DEEDS RELATING TO THE FAMILY OF MASSEY OF HALE.

(1398 to 1412.)

443. (1398.) (Norman French.) Receipt, dated London feast of St. Leonard the Abbot [6 Nov.] 22 Richard II. [1398], from Thomas son of Hugh de Gretholder to Harry de Byrcheles for, and appointment of the said Harry as his attorney to sue for and receive from Robert de Massy of Hale and Hugh Olyversone of Massy, the sum of £4 owing

to the said Thomas and Harry on the bond of the said Robert and Hugh.

Witnesses: M. William de Thyrnyng, Chief Justice of the Common Bench, and others.

[Seal gone.]

444. (1399.) Release, dated Chester feast of St. Chad the Bishop [2 March] 22 Richard II. [1398-9], from Richard Le Mascy of Ricston co. Lanc. to Robert Mascy of Hale, of all manner of actions, &c.

[Armorial seal of brown wax.]

445. (1399.) (Norman French.) Grant, dated 24 April 22 Richard II. [1399], by Piers de Legh and Richard le Massy of Rickton to Robert le Massy of Hale, of messuages, lands &c. in Erdeswyk and Hale co. Chester (held under an execution on a statute merchant made by Robert le Massy of Hale), for the term of his life, at the yearly rent of 50 shillings.

[Two armorial seals of red wax, broken. Round first seal inscription just legible, SIGILL... DE LEGH.]

446. (1412.) Bond, dated 21 Nov. 14 Henry IV. [1412], from Robert Massy of Hale co. Chester, and Henry Massy his son, to Sir Thomas Talbot, Knt., in 20 marks.

[Two seals of red wax, broken.]

J. DEEDS RELATING TO WARTON. (1657 to 1665.)

- 447. (1657.) Attested Copy of a Release, dated 15 Aug. 1657, by Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to John Leech of Carden co. Chester, Esq., in fee simple, of a messuage and lands in Warton co. Chester in the occupation of Richard Moulton.
- 448. (1662.) Lease for six months, dated 18 Oct. 1662, by Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, Esq., of a messuage and lands in Warton in the occupation of Richard Moulton.

[Seal gone.]

449. (1662.) Release, dated 20 Oct. 14 Charles II. [1662], by Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., of same messuage and lands in Warton.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

Oct. 1662.) Counterpart Deed of Covenant, dated 21 Oct. 1662, between Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., concerning the reconveyance of a messuage and lands in Warton, which had been conveyed by

deed No. 449 as security for due performance of covenants for title and further assurance in respect of lands in Aldersey comprised in deed No. 236.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

451. (1665.) Counterpart Release, dated 12 Aug. 1665, by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., to John Leech of Carden, Esq., and John Sparkes of Chester, gent., by the direction of Peter Dutton, of a messuage and lands in Warton called Billomes Heath Farm (being premises comprised in deed No. 449) to the use of Thomas Mottershead, citizen and grocer of London, for the lives of himself, Elizabeth his wife, and Thomas their son, with remainder to the use of Peter Dutton of Hatton co. Chester, Esq., and his heirs.

[Seal of red wax.]

K. DEEDS RELATING TO THORNTON HOUGH. (1658 to 1755.)

[Note.—This property was settled on the marriage of Esther Wilson with Robert Aldersey of Chester, woollen-draper.]

March and I April 1658, by Dame Bridget Somersett, widow, late wife of Thomas Savage late of Beeston co. Chester, Esq., deceased, Frances Savage, one of her daughters, and Darcy Savage, her son and heir apparent, to William Shipley of Thornton Hough co. Chester, gent., of lands in Thornton Hough called the Fishyard Heyes and the Calver Hey and Croft.

453. (1691.) Lease for a year, dated 2 Oct. 1691, by WILLIAM CHANTRELL of Knocktorum co. Chester, gent., to Andrew Lowe of Raby co. Chester, gent., of two closes at Thornton Hough called Doggles Hurst.

[Seal of red wax.]

- 454. (1691.) Release, dated 3 Oct. 1691, by WILLIAM CHANTRELL of Knocktorum co. Chester, gent., to Andrew Lowe of Raby co. Chester, gent., of lands in Thornton Hough comprised in previous lease.

 [Seal of red wax.]
- 455. (1695.) Fine, dated I April 7 William III. [1695], between Andrew Lowe, gent., plaintiff, and WILLIAM CHANTRELL, gent., ROBERT GODFREY, gent., and CATHERINE his wife, deforciants, of land in Thornton Hough co. Chester.
- 456. (1700.) Probate, dated 13 April 1700, of the Will (dated 16 June 1699) of Andrew Lowe of Raby co. Chester, husbandman. (Devises Doggleshurst to son George Lowe, his other real estate being settled. Mentions two granddaughters Abigail and Elizabeth Lowe. Executor, George Lowe.)
- 457. (1708.) Lease for a year, dated 29 June 1708, by GEORGE Lowe of Raby co. Chester, yeoman, to

Jonathan Goldson of the city of Chester, feltmaker, and James Whitfield of the same city, grocer, of two closes at Thornton Hough called Calver Hey and Croft, purchased by Andrew Lowe from Andrew Shipley and others, and also two closes there called Doggleshurst, purchased by him from William Chantrell and others, and all other his lands there.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

458. (1708.) Release, dated 30 June 1708, by George Lowe of Raby co. Chester, yeoman, to Jonathan Goldson of Chester, feltmaker, his brother-in-law, and James Whitfield of Chester, grocer, of the lands comprised in previous lease, upon trust for sale to pay debts.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

GEORGE Low of Raby co. Chester, yeoman, Abigail Low and Elizabeth Low, his daughters, and Jonathan Goldson of Chester, feltmaker (son and heir of Jonathan Goldson of the same place, feltmaker), to John Penkett of Saughall Massey co. Chester, gent., and Stephen Leather of Puddington co. Chester, yeoman, of same lands as in last deed.

[Seals of red wax.]

460. (1721.) Settlement, dated 28 July 1721, previous to the marriage of WILLIAM WILSON of Burton co.

Chester, yeoman, and Abigail Low, daughter of George Low of Raby co. Chester, yeoman. Release of the same lands as in last deed to uses in favour of George Low, William Wilson and Abigail Low and their issue in tail.

[Seals of red wax.]

- 461. (1721.) Settlement, dated 28 July 1721, previous to the marriage of William Wilson of Burton co. Chester, yeoman, and Abigail Low, daughter of George Low of Raby, yeoman. Assignment of leasehold hereditaments in Raby and Great Saughall co. Chester to the same trustees, upon trusts for the benefit of George Low, William Wilson and Abigail Low and their issue, and Elizabeth Low. [Seals of red wax.]
- 462. (1731.) Probate, dated 20 March 1730[-1], of the Will (dated 1 February 1730-1) of William Wilson of Raby co. Chester, yeoman. (Devise of all real estate to daughter Esther Wilson if she attain age of 20 or marry, with gifts over. Executors, wife Abigail Wilson, William Wilson of Willaston co. Chester, and Jonathan Gouldson of Chester.)
- 463. (1737.) Lease for a year, dated 17 Feb. 1736[-7], by Abigail Wilson of the city of Chester, widow, to Samuel Hinton of the said city, apothecary, and George Lowe of the said city, gent., of two fields called Doggleshurst at Thornton Hough co. Chester.

[Seal of red wax.]

464. (1737.) Settlement, dated 18 Feb. 1736[-7], previous to the marriage of Abigail Wilson of the city of Chester, widow, and John Beech of the said city, yeoman. Release of the same hereditaments and assignment of leasehold hereditaments at Raby called Ridley's tenement to uses and upon trusts for the benefit of John Beech, Abigail Wilson, and Esther Wilson her only daughter.

[Seal of red wax.]

JOHN BEECH of the city of Chester, yeoman, and ABIGAIL his wife, and ESTHER WILSON (daughter of WILLIAM WILSON of Raby, deceased, and of the said ABIGAIL BEECH), to JOSEPH HALL of the city of Chester, gent., of two closes at Thornton Hough called Calver Hey and the Croft, and two closes there called Doggleshurst.

[Seals of red wax.]

466. (1750.) Recovery deed, dated 18 August 1750, by John Beech of the city of Chester, yeoman, Abigail his wife, and Esther Wilson, daughter of the said Abigail by her late husband William Wilson late of Raby co. Chester, yeoman, deceased, of the same lands at Thornton Hough: as to part thereof (Calver Hey and the Croft) to the use of Esther Wilson in fee simple, and as to the residue thereof to the use of Abigail Beech for life, with remainder to the use of Esther Wilson in fee simple.

[Seals of red wax.]

- 467. (1750.) Transcript of Recovery, dated 3 Sept. 24 George II. [1750], suffered by John Beech, Abigail his wife, and Esther Wilson, of several parcels of land in Thornton Hough.
- 468. (1754.) Fine, dated 3 Sept. 28 George II. [1754], between Charles Potts, gent., plaintiff, and John Beech and Abigail his wife, Abraham Walker and Elizabeth his wife, and Esther Wilson, spinster, deforciants, of lands in Thornton Hough co. Chester.
- 469. (1755.) Deed, dated 22 Feb. 1755, to declare the uses of a Fine (No. 468) levied of lands &c. called the Doggleshursts in Thornton Hough, by Abigail Beech of the city of Chester, widow, and others, to the use of Abigail Beech for life, with remainder to the use of Esther Wilson in fee simple. (Recites that the other lands included in the Fine, viz., Calver Hey and the Croft, had been conveyed to the use of Mary Colthurst in fee simple, but that no uses had been declared of the Doggleshursts.)

[Armorial seals of red wax.]

470. (1755.) Settlement, dated 8 and 9 Sept. 1755, previous to the marriage of Robert Aldersey of Chester, woollen draper, and Esther Wilson, daughter and only child of William Wilson late of Raby co. Chester, yeoman, deceased. Lease and Release of freeholds at Thornton Hough (Doggles-

hurst), and assignment of leaseholds at Raby and Great Saughall co. Chester, to uses and upon trusts for the benefit of Abigail Beech, Robert Aldersey, Esther Wilson, and the children of the marriage.

L. DEEDS RELATING TO NEWTON NEAR TATTENHALL.

(1727 to 1848.)

- 471. (1728.) Probate, dated 17 June 1728, of the Will (dated 8 Dec. 1727) of William Calkin the elder, of Waverton alias Warton co. Chester, yeoman. (Devises to his son Daniel Calkin in fee a messuage or cottage in Newton near Tattenhall with two closes called the Backside and Ryders Green. Executors, his son Thomas Calkin and Joseph Rowland of Guilden Sutton.)
- 472. (1790.) Lease for a year, dated 26 Nov. 1790, by Daniel Calkin of Three Crown Court in the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark co. Surrey, coffee-man, to William Syms of the same parish, wine merchant, of same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall.

[Seal of red wax.]

473. (1790.) Release, dated 27 Nov. 1790, by DANIEL CALKIN of Three Crown Court in the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark co. Surrey, coffee-man, to WILLIAM SYMS of the same parish, wine merchant, of

same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall, in trust for the benefit of creditors.

[Seal of red wax.]

474. (1791.) Lease for a year, dated 24 Feb. 1791, by Daniel Calkin of Three Crown Court in the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark co. Surrey, coffeeman, and William Syms of the same parish, wine merchant, to James Carter of Three Crown Court aforesaid, gent., of same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall.

[Seals of red wax.]

CALKIN of Three Crown Court in the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark co. Surrey, coffee-man, and William Syms of the same parish, wine merchant, to James Carter of Three Crown Court aforesaid, gent., of same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall, in fee simple, upon trust for the said William Syms.

[Two seals of red wax.]

- 476. (1727 to 1791.) Abstract of the title of WIL-LIAM SYMS to same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall.
- 477. (1796.) Lease for a year, dated 29 Sept. 1796, by William Syms of the parish of St. Saviour, South-

wark, wine merchant, and JAMES CARTER, his trustee, to DAVID FRANCIS JONES of the city of Chester, gent., of same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall.

[Two seals of red wax.]

478. (1796.) Release, dated 30 Sept. 1796, by WIL-LIAM SYMS of the parish of St. Saviour, Southwark, wine merchant, and JAMES CARTER his trustee, of same messuage and two closes in Newton near Tattenhall, to uses in bar of dower in favour of SAMUEL BROMFIELD of Tattenhall, gent.

[Two seals of red wax.]

479. (1816.) Deed of exchange, dated I January 1816, between Daniel Aldersey and William Aldersey of the city of Chester, gentlemen, and Samuel Bromfield of Tattenhall, gent., of lands in Newton in the parish of Tattenhall. (Conveyance to the said Daniel and William Aldersey of a close in Newton called Ryders Croft and two other crofts in Newton containing 22. 11. 3p.)

[Three seals of red wax.]

480. (1830.) Lease and Release, dated 8 and 9 March 1830, by Robert Aldersey of Chester, Esq., and Susanna his wife, and Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall, Esq., to Charles Potts of Chester, gent., and John Lee of Whitchurch, gent. Settlement of

two messuages and farms in Newton near Tattenhall, containing 148a. or. 18p. and 119a. 1r. 20p. respectively, to the use of Robert Aldersey for life, remainder to Susanna Aldersey for life, remainder to Samuel Aldersey for life, remainder to his children as he should appoint, remainder to his first and other sons in tail, remainder to his daughters in tail, remainder to Samuel Aldersey in fee simple.

(This release recites the will of Daniel Aldersey, brother of the said Robert Aldersey [see No. 140], and that doubts had arisen as to the validity of the devise of the reversion of hereditaments in Newton to Thomas Aldersey, the death without issue of Daniel Aldersey 6 Jan. 1821 leaving Robert Aldersey his heir, the death of Thomas Aldersey intestate and without issue 1 Jan. 1824 leaving Samuel Aldersey his heir, and the death of William Aldersey, another brother of Daniel Aldersey, without issue in April 1829.)

[Five seals of red wax.]

481. (1848.) Counterpart lease, dated 2 Feb. 1848, by SAMUEL ALDERSEY of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, Esq., to SIR ROBERT HENRY CUNLIFFE of Acton Park co. Denbigh, Bart., and RANDLE WILBRAHAM the younger of Rode Heath co. Chester, Esq., of a close of land at Newton near Tattenhall, for a term of 14 years determinable at the option of the lessees at the end of the first 7 years, at the yearly rent of £10.

[Three seals of red wax.]

M. DEEDS RELATING TO ASHTON CO. CHESTER. (1696 to 1783.)

- WHITLEY of Peele co. Chester, Esq., to EDWARD BROMLEY of Ashton, beer brewer, of lands in Ashton, lately part of the demesne lands of Ashton Hall, for the term of three lives (EDWARD BROMLEY and his sons William and John), at the yearly rent of 11s. and payment of 10s. in lieu of a heriot with two rent hens (or 12d.) and one day's reaping (or 9d.)

 [Armorial seal of red wax.]
- 483. Counterpart of deed No. 482.
- 484. (1699.) Counterpart underlease, dated 24 July 1699, by EDWARD BROMLEY of Ashton, brewer, to RICHARD LIGHTFOOT of Peel co. Chester, yeoman, and EDWARD LIGHTFOOT of Kelsall co. Chester, yeoman, of premises comprised in the above mentioned lease of land in Ashton, as security for £53.

 [Two seals of red wax, a crest.]
- 485. (1783.) Lease, dated 2 Sept. 1783, by SAMUEL ALDERSEY of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, and CATHERINE HIGNETT of the city of Chester, spinster, to SAMUEL JAMESON of Ashton by Tarvin, yeoman, of a messuage now divided into four small dwelling

houses in Ashton by Tarvin co. Chester, and two fields belonging thereto (one called Church Heath), for a term of 14 years from the 25 March 1782, at the yearly rent of £15 for the first five years and afterwards £15 10s.

[Two seals of red wax.]

[Note.—For the earlier title to the land comprised in this lease see Nos. 404, 410, and 411.]

N. MISCELLANEOUS CHESHIRE DEEDS.

(c. 1230 to 1833.)

486. (c. 1230.) Grant, by Peter de Stapeleya to Eudo de . . . of Weya (?) and Edith his wife, of a salt pit which he had bought from Henry de Myneshull and Clarice his wife, reserving a yearly rent of 12d.

These being witnesses, Robert de Merebire, Robert de Hecstal, Robert Minch [Minchull (?)], Robert son of Siverid (?), Robert Chapelein, William son of Reginald, William de Pulle, William Chanu, William Setpeirs, William Crispur, Richard de Bettilege, Richard Calvel, Nicholas Minch, Nicholas the clerk, Lewis, and others.

[Seal gone.]

487. (c. 1250 (?).) Grant by John de St. Pierre to Hova, son of Eynon, son of David de Egirton, and Alice his wife, of a messuage land and meadow in Bikileg' [Bickley] which Ralph de Broc formerly held to farm of the lord Urian de St. Pierre his

father, in exchange for lands in Spurston, Ridley and Hylton.

These being witnesses, David now Rector of the Church of Bonebury, William de Bonebury his brother, William Bernard, David de Egirton, William de Bulkilegh, Philip de Egirton, Henry de Bonebury, Cadongon de Hadlegh, Richard the little, Eynon son of David de Egirton, Gilbert Salemon, Stephen the Chaplain, and others.

[Seal gone.]

488. (c. 1253.) Lease by Alice Albam and William son of Robert son of Myeric... [illegible]... to Robert son of Randle, of a house with its place of land in... [illegible]..., for 10 years from next Easter 1253, at yearly rent of 5s.

[Seals gone.]

489. (c. 1282.) Grant by MABEL HASCARDYN, widow, to Hugh de Melys, citizen of Chester, of a certain liberty of hers with a certain "stallenet" in the Dee, which lay between the liberty of Philip the clerk and the liberty of Richard le Falays, at the yearly rent of 2d. payable into the Exchequer of Chester.

These being witnesses, Alexander Hurel, now Mayor of Chester, Robert de Terven, now Sheriff of Chester, Rondle de Derisbury, Robert le Mercer, Robert Harald, Roger the clerk, and others.

[Seal of dark green wax, broken, but half of inscription very clear, HASCARN, and in centre an ear of corn tied up with a ribbon.]

¹ Alexander Hurell was Mayor of Chester in 1282.

490. (c. 1300.) Grant or Deed of Covenant by Roger DE CLOTTON to RICHARD son of WILLIAM DE IDINCHALE, that he would not impound the beasts and flocks of the latter in his part of the wood of Hulfeld.

These being witnesses, Robert vicar of Tarvin, Roger de Moldeworthe, Roger le Bruyn, William de Mulneton, Richard de Cawrthin, William de Coton, Robert the clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

491. (1312.) Grant, dated Tuesday next before the feast of Holy Trinity 1312, by Matthew, lord of Alpram, to Robert son of Richard de Wenele and Ellen his wife in tail special, of lands &c. in Cleys and Alpram, at the yearly rent of a flower of roses.

These being witnesses, Sir Robert de Holond, now Justiciary of Chester, Sir Hugh de Dutton, Sir Roger de Chedele, Sir Robert de Pulford, knights, Richard de ffoulushurst, now Sheriff of Chester, Davyd de Eggerton, Matthew de Hollegreue, William de Spurstowe, Davyd de Bestan, and others.

[Seal gone.]

492. (c. 1331.) Quitclaim by DAVID son of UGHTRED LE BRYD to THOMAS his brother of all his right in lands &c. in Hallywalle Rugges on each side of the road in the vill of Breyn, which Thomas held of the gift of UGHTRED LE BRYD his father.

These being witnesses, Sir William de Clynton,¹ now Justiciary of Chester, William de Praers,¹ now Sheriff of Chester, John de Pulford, Robert de Vernon of Hatton, William de Coton, Richard de Cawrthyn, Henry the clerk, and others.

[Seal gone.]

493. (1336.) Release, dated Wednesday next after the feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle [June 11] 1336, by Sir John de Suttone to Herrick son of Thomas de Halchton of all suits, services, customs &c. in respect of lands in Halchton.

[Seal gone.]

494. (1337.) Quitclaim, dated Friday next after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist [18 Oct.] 11 Edw. III. [1337], by David son of William de Malpas to William his brother of all his right in lands &c. in Legh, which the same William held of the gift of William his father.

These being witnesses, John de Wrennebury, now Sheriff of Cheshire, Philip de Eggerton, Hugh de Bykerton, David son of Roger de Malpas, Patrick de Larketon, and others.

[Seal gone.]

495. (1340.) Lease by David son of Robert de Weten-HALE to WILLIAM DE TEVERTON of a place of land in Le Cleyus in the territory of Alpram for the term

Sir William de Clynton was Justiciary in 1331, and William de Praers was then Sheriff.

of 20 years next following, viz., from the feast of the Ascension A.D. 1340.

These being witnesses, William de Spurstowe, William de Bulkylegh, William de Wetenhale, Hugh de Wordull, Hugh del Cleyus, and others.

[Seal gone.]

496. (1348.) Quitclaim, dated Sunday in the feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.] 1348, by Henry son of Hugh de Tyrsford to Hugh del Clevus of all his right in a place of turbary in Tyrsford, which the same Hugh held of the gift of Hugh de Tyrsford and Odeyne his wife (his parents).

These being witnesses, Matthew de Hulgreue, Richard de Prestelond, David son of Henry de Hulgreue, William son of Thomas de Hulgreue, Hugh Tyrsford, and others.

[Seal gone.]

497. (1523.) Bond, dated 6 Feb. 24 Henry VIII. [1532-3], from Thomas Hatton of London, servingman, to John Aldersey and Laurence Hatton, for £40, to perform the award of Sir John Porke, one of the justices of the King's Bench, William Hatton, and John Gwynnesdythe concerning lands &c. in Hatton in the parish of Daresbury co. Chester.

[Seal gone.]

[This Bond is endorsed "fait concernant Gwynn's tenemt in Spurston."]

498. (1576.) Coroner's Inquest taken at Chester 25 Feb.

- 18 Eliz. [1575-6] before Thomas Hull, coroner, after the death of Pers Tellston found drowned.
- 499. (1602.) Fine, dated 12 April 44 Eliz. [1602], between Hugh Beeston, junior, Esq., plaintiff, and Peter Corbet, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, of the manor of Peckforton, and messuages, lands &c. in Peckforton, Bunbury, Beeston, Spurstowe, Haughton, Ridley, and Burwardsley.
- 500. (1618.) Mortgage, dated 20 Feb. 15 James [1617-18], by John Haughton of Haughton co. Chester, gent., to James Palin of Haughton, gent., of a messuage and lands in Haughton, as security for £60.

[Seal gone.]

- 501. (1641.) Writ, dated 22 July 17 Charles I. [1641], to hold a further inquiry as to an inquisition taken at Chester 31 March 1640 after the death of EDWARD WHITBY, Esq., who died seised in fee tail with divers remainders over and an ultimate limitation to him in fee simple of certain messuages and hereditaments in Dunham supra montem and Happesford co. Chester.
- 502. (1658.) Bond, dated 18 Dec. 1658, from George Calveley of Milton with Hanley co. Chester, gent., to Richard Moulton of Waverton alias Warton co.

Chester, yeoman, to perform covenants in a pair of indentures of same date between same parties [No. 226].

503. (1668.) Defeasance, dated 30 April 1668, by John Stephens of Overlipiatt co. Gloucester, Esq., and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to William Smith of Rowton co. Chester, yeoman, concerning a messuage and lands in Hargreave co. Chester, conveyed to them by lease and release dated 25 and 27 April 1668 by way of mortgage to secure £200.

[Not signed, seals gone.]

- by SIR THOMAS SMITH of Hatherton co. Chester, Bart., to Edward Cooke of Newton near Middlewich co. Chester, husbandman, of a cottage &c. in Newton for the term of 80 years determinable on three lives (Edward Cooke, Sarah Cooke his wife, and Hannah Cooke their daughter) at the yearly rent of 12d. and payment of a heriot, in consideration of £7 10s.
- Walley of the city of Chester, gent., Thomas Stringer of Chester, haberdasher, and William Colly of Eccleston co. Chester, clerk, to Robert Venables of Wincham co. Chester, Esq., relating to a grant of certain messuages, lands &c. from Alderman Walley, deceased, to the said Robert Venables and another, dated 25 June 15 Car. II. [1663].

- 506. (1678.) Counterpart lease for a year, dated 7 May 1678, by John Duesbury of Nether Whitley, yeoman, to George Eaton of Pollehowse in Great Budworth, yeoman, of a dwelling house called Merryfall and lands held therewith in Nether Whitley in the parish of Great Budworth co. Chester.
- DUESBURY of Nether Whitley, husbandman, and GEORGE EATON of Polehouse in the parish of Great Budworth, yeoman, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, Esq., of a dwelling house called Merryfall in Nether Whitley in the parish of Great Budworth co. Chester, and closes called two Hempyards, Dovehouse Croft, Blackacre, Longlonds, Higher Broom, two Lower Brooms, Cranks Meadowes, Round Demath, Little Meadow, Lane, Hemp Pit Moor, Little Moor, and Maynhayes in Nether Whitley (formerly the inheritance of Theophilus Eaton, and from him purchased by John Duesbury, who mortgaged the same to George Eaton).
- 508. (1679.) Settlement, dated 26 Oct. 31 Charles II. [1679], by John Thomasson of Huxley co. Chester, gent., after the marriage of John Thomasson his eldest son and heir apparent, and Mary daughter of Joseph Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., in pursuance of marriage articles dated 2 Feb. 1677 [No. 399], of Golborne House alias Golborne David

House in Golborne David co. Chester, and messuages, lands &c. in Handley co. Chester.

[This should follow No. 399. It is the settlement made in pursuance of those articles.]

- [1679-80], by MATTHEW TRAVERS of Beeston co. Chester, gent., to Robert Hoole of Bunbury co. Chester, schoolmaster, of a yearly rent charge of £15 issuing out of lands in Teverton co. Chester, and payable for a term of 13 years, with power for grantor to determine the rent charge at any time on payment of its then capital value.
- BAXTER of Norcot co. Chester, husbandman, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, Esq., of a messuage &c. in Norcot (held under a lease for lives from Robert Venables of Wincham, Esq.), for the term of 30 years if c. q. vie should so long live, to secure the performance of the covenants in a pair of indentures of the same date.
- 511. (1697.) Fine, dated 20 Sept. 9 William III. [1697], between Edward Cooke and Thomas Gill, plaintiffs, and Thomas Wilbraham senior, Mary his wife, and Thomas Wilbraham junior, deforciants, of land &c. in Brindley co. Chester.
- 512. (1702.) Counterpart assignment, dated 29 Sept. 1702, by Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to

John Parker of Fallowes in Nether Alderley co. Chester, gent., of a mortgage dated 30 March 10 Will. III. [1698] by Thomas Webb of Middlewich co. Chester, merchant, deceased, to Thomas Aldersey of a messuage, lands &c. in Moston and Elton in the parish of Warmincham co. Chester for a term of 1000 years to secure £600 payable within six months of the death of Thomas Webb in case his daughter Jane wife of Robert Aldersey (son of Thomas Aldersey) or any of her issue should be then living, of which sum £300 still remained owing, by way of sub-mortgage to secure £250.

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

- 313. (1760.) Lease, dated 27 Nov. 1760, by the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary in Chester to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of the tithes within the parish of West Kirby in the hundred of Wirral co. Chester and the tithes within the township of Irby in the parishes of Woodchurch and Thurstaston in the hundred of Wirral co. Chester, for the term of 21 years, at the yearly rent of £2 135. 4d.
- by George Salmon of Hough co. Chester, gent., and Elizabeth his wife, to levy a Fine of the moiety of messuages, lands &c. in Brindley, Tiersford, Tiverton, and Torporley co. Chester, to the use of Charles Salmon of Nantwich co. Chester, gent., and Edward Salmon of Little Hassall co. Chester, gent., gent., upon trust to convey to such uses as the said

George Salmon should appoint, and in default of appointment to the use of the said George Salmon in fee.

- 515. (1762.) Fine, dated 17 April 1762, between Charles Salmon and Edward Salmon, plaintiffs, and George Salmon and Elizabeth his wife, deforciants, of a moiety of several estates in Brindley, Tiersford, Tiverton, and Torporley co. Chester.
- 516. (1762.) Transcript of Recovery, dated 17 April 2 George III. [1762], by John Egerton the younger, Esq., and Richard Massie, Esq., against William Fairclough, gent., of a moiety of messuages, lands &c. in Brindley, Tiersford alias Stierford, Tiverton, and Tarporley co. Chester. (William Fairclough vouches Samuel Aldersey and Margaret his wife, who vouches Robert Aldersey, who vouches Thomas Griffith.)
- 517. (1767.) Lease, dated 2 Dec. 1767, by the Dean and Chapter of Chester to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey co. Chester, clerk, of the tithes within the parish of West Kirby in the hundred of Wirral co. Chester and the tithes within the township of Irby in the parishes of Woodchurch and Thurstaston in the hundred of Wirral co. Chester, for the term of 21 years, at the yearly rent of £2 13s. 4d., in consideration of the surrender of the existing lease [No. 513].
- 518. (1773.) Lease, dated 11 Sept. 1773, by Owen

SALUSBURY BRERETON of Shotwick Park co. Chester, Esq., to WILLIAM WIDDENS of Christleton co. Chester, gent., of a messuage &c. in Great Saughall co. Chester, called Lowe's Tenement, and the Park Gate Field, Dale Butts, Haymaker, Olton Croft, and all other butts belonging thereto, and also fields in Great Saughall called Big Milne Field, Little Milne Field, and Old Heath Hey, formerly in the possession of John Beech and afterwards of Robert Aldersey (except mines and minerals), for the term of three lives (Robert Aldersey of Chester, woollendraper, Esther his wife, and Robert their son then aged 9), upon the trusts declared by the marriage settlement of the said Robert Aldersey, at the yearly rent of £1 3s. 5d. and payment of a heriot.

519. (1833.) Counterpart Lease, dated 18 July 1833, by Robert Aldersey of the city of Chester, Esq. (in pursuance of power under the will of his brother Daniel Aldersey, deceased), to Ephraim Sadler of Great Saughall co. Chester, yeoman, of a farm in Great Saughall, containing 154a. 11. 34p., for the term of 14 years, at the yearly rent of 257½ bushels of corn or its equivalent in money and 1 ton 12 cwt. of best cheese or its equivalent in money.

O. MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS RELATING TO VARIOUS COUNTIES.

(c. 1400 to 1787.)

of Asche co. Salop to William de Stoke, son of Robert de Stoke, of lands &c. in Wordyl called Lachecote, which he held of the gift of Richard Le Prers of Calural co. Salop.

The same witnesses as in Nos. 323 and 324.

[Seal of reddish brown wax.]

[N.B.—This deed should follow No. 324.]

- 521. (1520.) Award, dated 15 Oct. 12 Henry VIII. [1520], by Griffith Hynton of Hynton, Esq., David Hynton of Wyreswall, William Wilbram of Wuddaye, Esq., and John Spurstowe, son and heir apparent of Randle Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq., concerning lands &c. in the counties of Salop and Chester, in dispute between Hugh Starky the younger, Esq., and Margery his wife, daughter and heir of William Swanwyke of Wyreswall, deceased, on the one part, and Alice Swanwyke, widow of the said William Swanwyke, on the other part.
- 522. Notes relating to an alleged right of way, 1636-40.
- 523. (1662.) Assignment, dated 10 April 1662, by KATHERINE KENDRICKE of the city of London, widow,

to Robert Venables of Antrobus co. Chester, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife and others of all her goods, chattels, leases &c. upon trusts for the benefit of herself, her only daughter Frances, now wife of Thomas Kendricke of the city of London, merchant, and the children of her said daughter.

by William Raven of Elworth co. Chester, gent., of the uses declared by an indenture dated 7 Oct. 1658 (whereby he had covenanted with Timothy Edge of Horton co. Stafford, gent., and others to stand seised of certain messuages, lands &c. to the uses therein mentioned).

[Armorial seal of red wax.]

- ROBERT FOULKES of the city of Chester, gent., to ROBERT LEONARD of Tarvin co. Chester, gent., and John Gleave of Chester, gent., of leasehold messuages, lands &c. in Bodferry co. Flint, in performance of covenants made with Thomas Lee of Darnhall co. Chester, Esq., and Thomas Aldersey of the city of Chester, Esq., upon trusts for the benefit of the said Robert Foulkes and Jane his wife and their children.
- 526. (1694.) Conveyance, dated 29 Nov. 1694, by RICHARD HUGHES of Marchalett co. Denbigh, yeoman, to John CVRRY of Doleycorslwyn co. Montgomery, gent., of a messuage and lands in Talleyn alias Trallwyn and Trebroll co. Denbigh and all

other his hereditaments in the parish of Llanfarffraid co. Denbigh, which lately belonged to JANE his wife.

GEORGE GOLDWYER, surgeon, and JAMES HARRIS, lome merchant, both of the city of Bristol (the executors and trustees of the Will of Fraser Davies late of Lodway in the parish of St. George's co. Somerset, surgeon, deceased), to Thomas Davies of Lodway aforesaid, surgeon, of an underlease, dated 11 December 1786, of a messuage &c. at Lodway aforesaid.

P. MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS, RECEIPTS, ETC.

(1621 to 1692.)

- James [1621]. Surrender by SAMUEL FOXE and regrant to GEORGE HALLE and SAMUEL HALLE of the reversion of two messuages and lands in Himbledon, at the Court Baron of the Dean and Chapter of Worcester for the Manors of Himbleton and Tiverton.
- 529. (1664.) Acquittance, dated 7 April 16 Charles II. [1664], of George Bishop of Chester, for the sum of £177 8s., instalment of subs. cler. for the diocese, by the hand of George Rotherham.

- 530. (1664.) Acquittance, dated 19 Dec. 16 Charles II. [1664], of George Bishop of Chester for the sum of £292 1s. 4d., instalment of subs. cler. for the diocese, by the hand of George Rotherham.
- 531. (1666.) Acquittance, dated 10 May 18 Charles II. [1666], of George Bishop of Chester for the sum of £286 7s. 4d., instalment of subs. cler. for the diocese, by the hand of George Rotherham.
- 532. (1681.) Order, dated 10 Sept. 1681, for sequestrating the lands &c. of John Brookes for contempt of court in disobeying the order of the Court in a suit between Robert Venables, Esq., plaintiff, and the said John Brookes, defendant.
- 533. (1691.) Receipt, dated 2 March 1690[-1], signed by Henry Molyneux, Deputy Receiver, to the Collectors for the hundred of Edisbury co. Chester, for £3368 1s. 6d. collected in that hundred for aids granted to the king.
- 534. (1692.) Copy of Pleas of the Court at Westminster, dated Trinity term 4 William and Mary [1692], in a suit of Joseph Smith versus John Hickманs, concerning a messuage &c. at Lewes in the parish of Sedgley co. Chester.

535. (1659.) Probate of the Will of Henry Frene, Professor of Divinity, Bishop of Chester, dated August 1659.

Proved at Cambridge 11 July 1662 before Theophilus Dillingham, Prochancellor of the University.

536. (1659.) Probate of the Will of Henry Frene, Professor of Divinity, Bishop of Chester, dated August 1659.

Proved at London 30 May 1663.



BUNDLE A.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS RELATING TO THE ALDERSEY FAMILY. (1500 to 1838.)

- Arthur to the Sheriff of Cheshire relating to a messuage and lands in Spurstowe, in dispute in a suit beteen Ralph Brayn and Henry Aldersey, John Hoknell and Tocher Beston, and claimed by Ralph Brayn as heir in tail under grant by Thomas Brayn to his son Henry and the heirs of his body, viz., as son and heir of Thomas, brother and heir of Ralph, son and heir of Henry Brayn.
- 2. c. 1500. List of Jurors in the dispute between Brayn and Aldersey.
- 3. c. 1500. List of the exchanges made by Hary [Henry]
 Aldersey of his lands in Aldersey.
- 4. 16 July 27 Henry VIII. [1535]. List of lands of John Aldersey of Spurstow in Mickle Aldersey, made by the "commemorance" of Robert Aldersey of Aldersey, tenant thereof.
- 5. c. 1550. List of lands of John Aldersey in Jacton [Acton].
- 6. 30 Sept. 1554. Will of John Aldersey of Spurstowe. (No. 53A, ante, p. 109.)

- 7. 12 Nov. 1 and 2 Philip and Mary [1554]. Appointment by Thomas Aldersey, citizen and haberdasher of London, of John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., as his attorney to receive certain sums of money owing to him.
- 8. 29 April 1560. Survey of the lands of John Aldersey of Spurstow in the common fields of Great Aldersey.
- 9. c. 1560. List of the goods of Anne Aldersey, widow.
- 10. 26 Oct. 4 Eliz. [1562]. Receipt and Release from Richard Spurstowe of Alpraham co. Chester, gent., to John Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, gent., for £6 12s. 8d., the rent of two pastures in Spurstowe called the Buckellhurste and the Calver Crofte.
- 11. 11 Nov. 8 Eliz. [1566]. Receipt from Richard Bunbury of the city of Chester, merchant, to Thomas Aldersey of the city of London, merchant, for £20.
- 12. 20 Jan. 15 Eliz. [1572-3]. Interrogatories to be administered on the behalf of John Dutton, Peter Mercer and Robert Mercer, defendants, against John Aldersey, gent., complainant, and vice versà on behalf of complainant against defendants, concerning a meadow at Warton lying in Croton and adjoining Cliffe Brook.
- of Spurstow, gent., to his brother Thomas Aldersey of London, merchant, of all his goods &c.
- 14. 29 March 1583. Grant by Thomas Aldersey of

London, merchant, to Anne Aldersey, widow of John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., and Randle Aldersey, son and heir of the said John, of all the goods &c. of the said John Aldersey which had been assigned to him [see A, No. 13, sup.] as security for the charges he had been and was to be at for the marriage of the daughter of the said John Aldersey.

- 15. c. 1599. List of debts owing to Randle Aldersey of Spurstow (?).
- 16. 30 June 1599. Will of Anne Aldersey of Spurstow, widow. (No. 67A, ante, p. 130.)
- 17. c. 1600. Note of the funeral expenses of Randle (?) Aldersey.
- 18. c. 1620. Memorandum of settlement of accounts, signed by Randle Spurstowe on behalf of his mother, to John Aldersey of Spurstow, part of the terms of settlement being that his "uncle" Aldersey was to have the piece of land called the Brukehurst, paying the yearly rent during his mother's life.
- 19. 8 Oct. 1623. Assignment of lands in Spurstow (Golborne's Croft and six pastures), held under two leases for lives from George Spurstow dated 12 Feb. 1578 and 8 Jan. 1582, by John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to Thomas Aldersey, his son and heir apparent.
- 20. 11 Oct. 21 James [1623]. Articles of Agreement between George Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq., and John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., concerning a lease by John Aldersey to George Spurstow of the tithes of lands in Spurstow belonging to the Rectory of Bunbury, and the

- tenancy of John Aldersey of lands in Spurstow belonging to George Spurstow.
- 21. 20 April 1629. Petition by Thomas Aldersey of Gray's Inn, praying for the office of Escheator for the County of Chester, with note appended signed "Dorchester," signifying the King's assent to the petition.
- 22. 7 May 1632. Agreement made previous to the marriage of Thomas Aldersey of Gray's Inn co. Middlesex, gent., son and heir apparent of John Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Elizabeth Robotham, daughter of John Robotham of Newlane near the town of St. Albane co. Hertford, Esq.
- 23. Duplicate of the above.
- 24. 24 Feb. 1633[-4]. Lease of a close of land in Great Aldersey called Further Wooleys, late in the occupation of Hugh Aldersey, yeoman, deceased, by John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., to Thomas Mottershead of Great Aldersey, husbandman, for the term of 99 years determinable on three lives (James, Thomas, and Anne Mottershead, sons and daughter of the said Thomas Mottershead) at yearly rent of 505.
- Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., and Richard Egerton of Hardshaw co. Lanc., gent., for the sale to the said Thomas Aldersey of a cottage and four parcels of land in Spurstow in the occupation of Richard Seytone (?).
- 26. 29 Sept. 1638. Receipt from William Mostyn, Rector of Christleton, to Thomas Aldersey of

Spurstow, gent., for £46 10s., the balance of £86 10s. which he had agreed to pay to William Mostyn for his wife's share of the lands in Aldersey purchased by Thomas Aldersey with trust moneys left by the will of her grandfather William Aldersey of Chester.

- 27. c. 1640. Memorandum of Agreement by John Aldersey to make over to Thomas Aldersey his son (who was to keep house at Spurstow) all his goods &c. with certain exceptions, and all his rents and tithes except Aldersey rent and the Middle Field and Great Field of Bird's Fields.
- 28. I May 1641. Bond to perform covenants from George Spurstowe, son and heir apparent of George Spurstowe of Spurstowe, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey, son and heir apparent of John Aldersey of Spurstow, gent.
- 29. 2 January 1641[-2]. Assignment by John Aldersey sey of Spurstow, gent., to Thomas Aldersey his son, of all his goods &c. with certain exceptions.
- of Spurstow, gent., to William Basnett of Eaton co. Denbigh, gent., for the payment of £60. Receipt attached for £50 from William Basnett of Eyton co. Denbigh to John Aldersey, 12 Jan. 1646[-7].
- 32. 30 Nov. 1644. Agreement between Thomas Penlington and Thomas Aldersey for lease for a year of a tenement in Aldersey late in the occupation of Hugh Horton and Ann his wife.
- 33. 2 April 20 Charles [1644]. Assignment of the leasehold interest of Wrights tenement &c.

in Bunbury, held under a lease for 99 years determinable on two lives granted by Thomas Aldersey and dated 4 Feb. 16 Car. [1641], from William Milton of Clive co. Chester, yeoman, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, gent.

34. 11 Dec. 1651. Release from John Wright of Bunbury co. Chester, yeoman, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., of all his right in a messuage and lands in Bunbury wherein his father John Wright and his brother William Wright dwelt, and which he then inhabited.

35. I March 1657[-8]. Bond from John Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., to Peter Aldersey, his son and heir apparent, to secure the redemption by Peter Aldersey of a capital messuage in Aldersey and lands comprised in a mortgage of even date to Birkenhead and others [see No. 181, ante, p. 250] or in default for payment to the said Peter Aldersey of £35.

36. c. 1660. Note from T. Aldersey to Mr. Thomas Pratchett, relating to Henry Steele his tenant, who refused to pay his rent or give up possession, with Mr. Pratchett's reply endorsed.

- 37. 26 March 13 Charles II. [1661]. Lease of four closes in Spurstow, called the Ashgrounds or Ashfields, from George Spurstow of Spurstow, tow, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, gent., for the term of 7 years at a peppercorn rent.
- 38. c. 1663. Lawyer's Bill against Mr. Aldersey in respect of a suit against Mr. Dutton.
- 39. 16 May 1663. Agreement between John Aldersey of Middle Aldersey, gent., and William Slater,

gent., for a lease for 60 years at a peppercorn rent of a capital messuage in Middle Aldersey, then in the occupation of John Aldersey, and several closes called Hempyard, Pearyard, Backhouse Croft, yard and folds lying about the capital messuage, Hall Field, Hall Croft, New Intack, and the Greens.

- 40. 4 June 1663. Appointment by Margaret Lee and Anne Lee, daughters of Thomas Lee late of Darnall co. Chester, Esq., deceased, of Richard Acton of the city of Chester, gent., as their attorney to enter into a capital messuage &c. in Middle Aldersey to the end that the same might be the better conveyed to William Slater of the city of Chester, gent., and Ellen his wife, for the term of 60 years.
- Thomas Acton, Richard Acton, and Simon Tildesley, that they were present at the execution of certain writings made between John Aldersey and Mary his wife, John Aldersey, the son, Margaret Lee and Anne Lee of the one part, and William Slater and Ellen his wife of the other part, and that they saw £5 paid to John Aldersey, gent., and Mary his wife and John Aldersey his son or one of them and £400 paid to Margaret Lee for the use of herself and her sister Anne Lee.
- 42. 28 July 1664. Agreement between Thomas Aldersey of Gray's Inn, Esq., son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Margaret Lee of the city of Chester, spinster, and Robert Robotham of Newland co. Hertford, Esq., concerning the portions of the

- younger children of the said Thomas Aldersey the elder.
- 43. 28 July 1664. Bond to perform covenants in the agreement of even date from Thomas Aldersey of Gray's Inn, Esq., and Margaret Lee of the city of Chester, spinster, to Robert Robotham of Newland co. Hertford, Esq.
- 44. 1664. Copy of part of a deed relating to the power of granting leases exercisable by Thomas Aldersey the younger.
- of Aldersey co. Chester, gent., and William Slater of the city of Chester, gent., as to the apportionment of certain leys and taxes as between the hereditaments comprised in Slater's lease and lands called Cockshute Field and Butchers Fields in Middle Aldersey belonging to John Aldersey.
- 46. 1667. Inventory of the goods of "Uncle" Raven [sc. William Raven of Elsworth, who married Anne, sister of Thomas Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow, Escheator for Cheshire].
- 47. 17 Sept. 20 Charles II. [1668]. Writ of possession from Roger Wilbraham, Esq., Sheriff of Cheshire, to the Bayliffes of the hundred of Edisbury and Edward Vernon his own bayliffe, relating to a messuage &c. in Bunbury leased by Thomas Aldersey, gent., to William Burroughes, from which he had been ejected by Richard Bobbington.
- 48. 6 Nov. 20 Charles II. [1668]. Counterpart Lease of a cottage on Oatworth Green in Bunbury, wherein Mary Steele dwelt, from Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Mary Steele

- of Bunbury, spinster, for her life, at the yearly rent of 12d.
- 49. 13 April 1669. Bond to secure the performance of an award by Sir Thomas Mainwaring, Bart., joint arbitrator, from Thomas Bunbury of Stanney co. Chester, Esq., and Henry Steele of Bunbury, yeoman, to Thomas Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq.
- 49*. Sept. 1670. Meditation on God's mercies to him by Thomas Aldersey (referring to his early life, disappointments in love, happy marriage, children, death of one child, recent birth of son and heir, illness and recovery).
- 50. 1681. Account of moneys lent to Caldecot Aldersey according to articles dated 19 November 1672 (viz., £55 principal and £19 2s. 7d. interest).
- 51. 11 Aug. 1675. Agreement between Thomas Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey his son concerning the tithes of Tiverton.
- 52. 16 July 1675. Examined copy of Will of Mary Aldersey of Foulkstapleford co. Chester, widow.
- 53. 4 Nov. 1675. Inventory of the goods of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.
- 54. 2 March 1675[-6]. Receipt from William Aldersey to his brother Thomas Aldersey for £100, part of his portion of £650 charged on lands at Spurstow.
- 55. 6 Aug. 1677. Memorandum between Elizabeth Aldersey and her son relating to the tithes of Tiverton.
- 56. 14 Oct. 1678. Settlement of accounts signed by Frances Kendrick in respect of her share of

- the stock which came to her at her mother's death 16 April 1672.
- 57. c. 1680. Memorial by John Aldersey relating to his liability to find a soldier in respect of lands at Spurstow.
- 58. 7 April 1680. Account of the moneys of William Raven of Elworth, gent., deceased, disbursed by Thomas Aldersey.
- 59. January 1685[-6]. Receipted bill from William Rider to Lady Bridgman (receipt dated 23 December 1686).
- 60. 25 Oct. 1688. Bond from Samuel Davenport of Calveley co. Chester, Esq., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., for £7 owing to him.
- 61. 27 Sept. 4 James II. [1688]. Copy of Settlement by George Huxley of Brindley co. Chester, gent., of the manor of Houghton alias Haighton in Bunbury co. Chester, to uses in favour of himself and his wife, his son Thomas Huxley and his issue, with remainder to the use of John Aldersey, youngest son of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., in tail, with remainder to the use of Samuel Aldersey, second son of the said Thomas Aldersey, in tail.
- 62. c. 1690. Collection for Mrs. Spurstow.
- 63. c. 1690. Notes relating to a dispute between Mr. Leigh and Mr. Aldersey as to the right to the wastes of the manor of Aldersey.
- 63*. c. 1690. Copy [by Thomas Aldersey, Esq.] of a pamphlet entitled "The present case of England stated," by J. Edds [Edwards?].
- 64. 14 Sept. 1691. Bond to secure performance of an award by Sir John Mainwaring of Peover, Bart., and Sir John Crew of Utkinton, Kt.

(joint arbitrators), from Elizabeth Aldersey of Spurstow co. Chester, spinster, Anne Aldersey of Newland co. Hertford, spinster, and Mary Aldersey and Martha Aldersey of Spurstow, spinsters, to James Travers of Horton co. Chester, gent.

(With good signatures of Elizabeth, Ann, Mary, and Martha Aldersey.)

- 65. 8 June 1693. Bond from Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Robert Aldersey, Esq., his son and heir apparent, to Anne Slater of Place Chambres co. Denbigh, widow, to indemnify her in respect of the title deeds handed over on the purchase of Slater's lease of the Hall of Aldersey &c.
- 65*. c. 1693. Verses addressed to Mr. Thomas Lee of Chester, with a reply also in verse addressed to the Rev. Mr. Markham of Tarporley.
- 66. 1695 (?). Account of receipts and disbursements [by Robert Aldersey, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.].
- 67. 24 January, 1695[-6]. Release from James Egerton of the city of Chester, gent., to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., of all actions.
- 68. 8 April 1698. Copy of the Will of Robert Robotham of the parish of St. Peter in and near the town of St. Alban co. Hertford, gent. Also a letter to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., from his sister Ann Rochford, dated 8 Feb. 1699.
- 69. 5 March 1699. Letter from Thomas Gibbons of St. Alban's to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., giving particulars of the lands belonging to Robert Robotham, deceased, and

suggesting a sale of the reversion to Lord Marlborough.

- 70. 4 April 11 William III. [1699]. Copy of a Release of the reversion of messuages, lands &c. in Brindley, Tarporley, Teverton, Tiresford, and Northwich co. Chester, from Thomas Huxley, gent., son and heir apparent of George Huxley of Brindley, gent., to Nathaniel Lee, gent., son and heir apparent of Thomas Lee of Darnhall co. Chester, Esq., and Robert Aldersey, gent., son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., in equal moieties in fee simple, each of them undertaking to pay one-half of such of the debts mentioned in the schedule as should be still owing at the death of Thomas Huxley.
- 71. Same date. A duplicate of the above.
- 72. 18 April 1699. Copy of the Will of Thomas Webb of Middlewich co. Chester, merchant, and Counsel's opinion concerning the executorship of the same, dated 29 June 1700.
- 72*. c. 1701. Small memorandum book with notes on the manor of Aldersey (1701).
- 73. 2 April 1703. Note as to the value of lands in Baddiley and Brindley held by John Darlington.
- 74. 7 June 1708. Justices' Order to the Constables of Bunbury, Spurstow, Alpraham, and Wardull, or elsewhere in the county of Chester, to apprehend and bring before them Thomas Corbett alias Cook, gent.

On the back of the above is the draft of a letter relating to the custody of the heir of Lee of Darnhall (the great nephew of Mar-

- garet, wife of Thomas Aldersey of Aldersey and Spurstow).
- 75. 16 Nov. 1704. Decree in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Chester in a suit by Thomas Aldersey, Esq., against John Porter, clerk, Reader at Bunbury, finding John Porter guilty of adultery with Margaret Thurstan and Elizabeth Foster, and admonishing and inhibiting him.
- 76. 19 June 1706. Deed Poll under the hand and seal of Caldecott Aldersey of the city of London, merchant. Covenant to settle lands after his marriage with Mary his wife, daughter of John Loggan of St. Clement Danes co. Middlesex, merchant.
- 77. 7 May 1708. Copy of a settlement of the Hall of Aldersey in Middle Aldersey, and a messuage and lands in Great Aldersey, after the marriage of Caldecot Aldersey of the city of London, merchant, and Mary his wife, daughter of John Loggan of St. Clement Danes co. Middlesex, merchant.

(See No. 191, ante, p. 257.)

- 78. 8 Feb. 1709. Copy of a memorandum in Mr. Nathaniel Lee's book, signed by Nathaniel Lee and Robert Aldersey, concerning a debt charged on estates in Brindley, Haughton, and Tiresford.
- 79. Another copy of the above memorandum.
- 80. 23 Feb. 1709[-10]. Counsel's opinion relating to a dispute about Aldersey Hall in Middle Aldersey &c. [between Caldecot Aldersey and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.].
- 81. 31 Oct. 1710, Appointment by Thomas Aldersey

- of Spurstow, Esq., lord of the manor of Aldersey, of John Lewes of Aldersey, yeoman, as his gamekeeper within the manor of Aldersey.
- 82. 12 April 1711. Release by Robert Aldersey, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to Mary Basnett, widow and sole executrix of Isaac Basnett late of Heycroft in Spurstow, gent., for £10, left by Isaac Basnett to Thomas Aldersey for the benefit of the poor of Spurstow.
- 82*. 25 Feb. 1711[-12] to June 1714. Meditations by Thomas Aldersey.
- 83. 30 April 1714. Certificate that Samuel Aldersey, clerk, M.A., being instituted to the Rectory of Wigan, void by the free resignation of the Hon. and Rev. Edward Finch, clerk, M.A., late incumbent there, did assent, consent, and subscribe to all the Articles of Religion.
- 84. 27 Oct. 1715. Order from the Deputy Lieutenants for the county of Chester to Robert Aldersey, Esq., Captain of the company of Militia for the hundred of Eddisbury co. Chester, commanding him to cause the said company to be exercised for six days at Namptwich.
- 85. 25 Feb. 1716[-17]. Copy of the Decree in the Exchequer at Chester, in a suit by the Overseers of the Poor for the townships of Brindley, Burland, Fadily, Worleston, Hurleston, Cholmondeston alias Chomson, Poole, and Acton in the parish of Acton, complainants, against Robert Aldersey, Esq., and Martha Aldersey, spinster, defendants, for carrying into execu-

- tion the charitable trusts of the will of George Huxley late of Brindley, gent., concerning certain lands at Brindley.
- 86. 26 Dec. 1719. Account of timber sold in Darnhall.
- 87. July 1720. Brief for plaintiff in action, Griffith dem. Robert Aldersey and Thomas Woodfen v. Peter Cappur, in respect of a messuage and premises in Aldersey demised by Robert Aldersey, Esq., 2 July 6 Geo. [1720], and another messuage and lands demised by Thomas Woodfen the same day. (Proof of title to the manor of Aldersey.)
- 88. 27 Oct. 1721. Will of Margaret Aldersey, widow and relict of Thomas Aldersey late of Spurstow, Esq. (No. 95A, ante, p. 162.)
- 89. I Aug. 1721. Receipts on behalf of the mortgagees to Robert Aldersey, Esq., for moneys due on mortgage dated 19 March 1706 to Mr. Parker, and on mortgage dated 19 March 1708 to Mr. Culcheth.
- 90. 6 Feb. 1722[-3]. Bond from Ralph Markham, Rector of Torpurley co. Chester, to Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Wigan, to secure a provision for the children of the said Ralph Markham by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Robert Aldersey late citizen of London (in addition to £300 secured by the father of the said Elizabeth Markham by an assignment out of the waterworks at Shrewsbury and the proceeds of sale of a house in Blackwall co. Surrey).
 - 91. 24 April 1723. A survey of the tenements of

- Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., in Brindley, Tiverton, and Tarporley.
- 92. 19 Sept. 1723. Mr. Fazakerley's brief for the defendant in an ejectment action about a messuage and lands in Middle Aldersey, between William Shaw, gent., lessee of Caldecot Aldersey, plaintiff, and Robert Aldersey, Esq., and John Tonna, defendants.
- 93. 1725. Notes of amount of principal and interest due to Mr. Lee charged on lands in Brindley, Houghton, and Wilbraham's ground, belonging to Mr. Aldersey.
- o4. 10 Aug. 1725. Opinion of Mr. John Williams as to the validity of an assessment under parish orders, dated 4 Aug. 1720 and 14 April 1725, for defraying the costs of prosecuting John Larden of the city of Chester for removing boundary stones in the parish of Coddington, with copies of the said parish orders.
- 95. 3 July 1727. Bond from Daniel Aldersey of the city of Chester, woollen draper, Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., Ralph Markham of Tarporley, clerk, and William Peyton of Chester, linen draper, to William Francis of the city of Chester, perukemaker, for the payment of £200.
- 96. 11 Aug. 1727. Bond from Caldecott Aldersey of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, Esq., to Jane Loggan, widow and relict of John Loggan, late of the parish of St. Clement Danes co. Middlesex, merchant, for the payment of £300.
- 97. 27 June 1728. Affidavit of Martha Aldersey of Tarporley co. Chester, spinster, relating to a

Settlement by George Huxley late of Brindley co. Chester, deceased, of all his lands in Brindley, Tiersford, and Tarporley, in equal moieties upon Nathaniel Lee and Robert Aldersey.

- 98. 10 Jan. 1728[-9]. Bill of Sale of goods belonging to Ralph Markham late of Tarporley, clerk, seized by Peter Brooke, Esq., Sheriff of Cheshire, for debt to John Aldersey, gent. Assignment of goods (value £49 13s. 2d.) to Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.
- 99. 15 April 1729. Assignment by William Francis of the city of Chester, perukemaker, to Joseph Hall of the city of Chester, gent., of a bond from Daniel Aldersey of the city of Chester, woollen draper, dated 3 July 1727. (A, No. 95, sup.)
- of Chester, gent., that the above assignment was in trust for Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., and William Peyton of the city of Chester, linen draper.
- 101. 28 Jan. 1730[-1]. Office Copy of the Will of Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq. (No. 107, ante, p. 177.)
- 102. 9 Oct. 1731. Lease of all his lands &c. in Spurstow, from Thomas Aldersey of the city of Chester, gent., to John Billington of Duddon co. Chester, yeoman, for 7 years, at the yearly rent of £100.
- 103. 5 Feb. 1731[-2]. Receipt from William Colly to Mr. Aldersey for 20s., two years chief rent for his house in Aldersey.
- 104. 6 Feb. 1733[-4]. Will of Jane Aldersey, widow

- and relict of Robert Aldersey late of Spurstow, Esq. [Seal torn off and Will revoked by subsequent Will dated 10 Aug. 1742 (No. 112, ante, p. 181).]
- of Aldersey Hall co. Chester, gent., and Jane Aldersey, his only child and heir apparent, to Aaron Edwards of Chirk co. Denbigh, yeoman, to secure the payment of £60.
- 106. 29 Sept. 1736. Bond from Caldecot Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., and Jane Aldersey of Aldersey, spinster, his daughter, to Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan, to secure the performance of covenants in release of even date [see No. 199, ante, p. 262].
- 107. 21 Oct. 1736. Affidavit by Caldecot Aldersey of Aldersey, gent., and Jane Aldersey his daughter, concerning the incumbrances on a messuage and lands in Aldersey conveyed to Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Wigan, by release dated 29 Sept. 1736 [No. 199, ante, p. 262].
- 108. 28 Feb. 1736[-7]. Release from Elizabeth Aldersey and Margaret Aldersey both of Wigan, spinsters (daughters of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan), to Thomas Aldersey of Wigan, Doctor of Physic, their brother, in respect of two sums of £250, their respective shares of a certain sum of £2000 left by the will of Robert Aldersey late of Spurstow, Esq., deceased, to the younger children of Samuel Aldersey. Receipt attached for similar sum by Thomas Lancaster [husband of their sister Jane].
 - 109. 27 Oct. 1740. Release from Robert Aldersey

- of Wigan, gent., to Thomas Aldersey of Wigan, Doctor of Physic, his brother, of all actions.
- 110. 5 March 1740[-1]. Will of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan. (No. 110A, ante, p. 177.)
- Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan.
- 112. Another Copy of the above Will.
- of Samuel Aldersey at Wigan.
- of the sons of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, deceased, to the executors of the Will of the said Samuel Aldersey for a legacy of £50 left by the said will.
- 115. 6 July 1742. Copy of the Will of Thomas Aldersey of Wigan, Doctor of Physic. (See No. 111, ante, p. 180.)
- of Wigan, Esq., of his brother Samuel Aldersey sey of Malpas, clerk, as his attorney to levy and receive for him the tithes of Bunbury.
- 117. 17 Nov. 1742. Release from Samuel Aldersey of Malpas, clerk, and Bridgeman Aldersey of Wigan, gent. (sons of the late Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Rector of Wigan), to Mary Aldersey, widow and relict of Thomas Aldersey of Wigan, Doctor of Physic, in respect of two sums of £250, their respective shares of a certain sum of £2000 left by the will of Robert Aldersey late of Spurstow, Esq., deceased.
- 118. c. 1744. Pedigree showing descent of James Derbishire, B.A., of Brasenose College, from Sir John Port of Etwal, Derbishire.

- spective moieties of Tyersford tenement in Teverton, Stows tenement in Teverton, and Tyerford tenement in Teverton and Tarporley co. Chester, from Samuel Aldersey of Malpas, clerk, and George Salmon of Hough co. Chester, yeoman, to Thomas Brookes of Teverton, yeoman, for 21 years, at the yearly rent of £33 10s. in respect of each moiety.
- Done's from James Kettle to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey, with memorandum signed by Samuel Aldersey.
- of Cateaton Street, London, apothecary, and Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, clerk, to William Murhall of Whitchurch co. Salop, gent., to secure the payment of £150.
- 122. 30 May 1749. Assessment on the township of Aldersey for "Window Tax."
- 123. c. 1750. Pedigree showing Aldersey descent from Sir John Port of Etwal co. Derby.
- 124. c. 1750. Forms of Prayer on loss of friends, crosses with husband and children, &c.
- Standish with Langtree co. Lanc., yeoman, to Mary Aldersey of Wigan, widow, of all actions.
- Receipts for interest on the late Dr. Aldersey's security to the late Lady Broughton, for the use of Sir Rowland Hill, Bart., her executor.
- 137. 1 Nov. 1755. Lease of their respective moieties of Brindley Hall and lands in Brindley, from

Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, clerk, and George Salmon of Hough co. Chester, gent., to Thomas Davenport of Woodhey co. Chester, yeoman, for 7 years, at the yearly rents of £35 in respect of each moiety.

- Roger Holt (executors of Henry Holt) to John Kynaston, M.A., Fellow of Brazenose College, Oxford, clerk (nephew of Elizabeth Aldersey, one of the daughters of the late Samuel Aldersey, clerk, late Rector of Wigan, deceased), of a certain sum of a £100 left to the said Elizabeth by the last will of the said Samuel Aldersey, which sum had been assigned by her to Henry Holt as security for money advanced for the education of the said John Kynaston.
- dersey to the Rev. Mr. Bolton, Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, relating to the procuring for one of his sons [qu. Samuel] of one of the Bridgeman exhibitions there for natives of Cheshire, he being a near kinsman of the founder.
- 140. I March 1760. Appointment by the Right Hon. Gertrude, Countess Dowager of Kerry in the Kingdom of Ireland, of Samuel Aldersey, clerk, Bachelor of Laws, as one of her Domestic Chaplains.

(With good signature and seal.)

141. 5 June 1762. Bill of Complaint of John Goodright against Richard Thrustout relating to three messuages and lands in Great Aldersey, demised by Prudence Aldersey, widow, and five other messuages and lands there demised by certain other persons, Samuel Jones and John Ruscoe being tenants in possession and receiving notice to appear and defend.

- 141*. 1761 to 1768. Rentals of the Aldersey estates and an Account Book for these years.
- 142. 29 Aug. 1763. Copy of the Affidavit of Nathaniel Miller of Acton co. Chester, gent., one of the defendants in the cause of Roe and Dennis v. Miller and others, as to attendance of witnesses at the Assizes.
- 143. 13 Dec. 1766. Examined Copy of Deed of Covenant from Robert Aldersey of the city of Chester, clothier, to Joshua Crompton of Derby, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, who was the only daughter and heir at law of Mary Colthurst late of the city of Chester, widow, deceased, to produce the deeds and writings relating to two closes in Thornton Hough called Calverhey and the Croft, purchased by the said Mary Colthurst from Esther Wilson, spinster, now the wife of the said Robert Aldersey.
- in Bunbury, from Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, clerk, and Robert Aldersey his son and heir apparent, to William Wooley of Bunbury, yeoman, for 7 years, at the yearly rent of £ 150.
- 145. 25 March 1784. Indenture of Apprenticeship of Hannah Hassall, a poor child of the township of Brindley, to William Vawdrey of Nantwich, bread baker, for four years.

(Signed by J. Tomkinson and S. Aldersey, Justices of the Peace.)

- 146. 1784 to 1789. Memorandum of an account between Samuel Aldersey, Esq., and John Jones.
- 147. 19 Aug. 1788. Examined Copy of the Will of Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, clerk.
 With codicil dated 6 Nov. 1800.
- 148. 10 Feb. 1790. Receipt for a year's chief rent due to the Hon. Wilbraham Tollemache from the Rev. Samuel Aldersey for his estate at Tiverton.
- 149. c. 1800. List of Annuities charged on the Aldersey estates.
- Aldersey of Aldersey, widow, to Robert Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq., for the payment of £600.
- 150*. 26 May 1804. List of deeds (1696 to 1804), relating to estate at Ashton, deposited by Samuel Aldersey, Esq., with James Davies, gent., as security for £1000.
- relating to Aldersey Hall and lands in Aldersey purchased from Caldecot Aldersey and belonging to Samuel Aldersey, Esq., deposited originally with Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan of Chester, widow, and afterwards with Daniel Aldersey of Chester, Esq., for securing £1500 and interest.
- relating to the manor of Aldersey and Aldersey settled estates belonging to Samuel Aldersey, Esq., deposited originally with Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan of Chester, widow, and afterwards with Daniel Aldersey of Chester, Esq., for securing £1200 and interest.

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- Tarvin Sands co. Chester, gent., to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall, Esq., for £1000 and interest, due on his mortgage of lands at Ashton in the parish of Tarvin, dated 1 May 1803 [cf. A, No. 150* sup.].
- 154. 14 Aug. 1838. Bond from Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey Hall, Esq., to Thomas Grindley of Halghton co. Flint, farmer, to secure the payment of £400.

BUNDLE B.

PAPERS RELATING TO BUNBURY CHURCH.

(1561 to c. 1820.)

(Aldersey Collection.)

- 1. 1561. Easter Book of the tithes due from the inhabitants of the parish of Bunbury. The names are set out under the different townships.
- 2. 1637. Rental of the parish of Bunbury made by John Craven. The names of the inhabitants with their respective rentals are set out in minute detail. (A valuable MS.)
- 3. 16 Dec. 1639. Note from Robert Smyth, parish clerk of Bunbury, relating to a gift from John Aldersey, gent., at the funeral of Lady Elizabeth Calveley.
- 4. 1642. Short Easter Roll for the parish of Bunbury.
- 5. 1651. Easter dues "Mr. Calveley's note."

- 6. 1652. Easter Roll for the parish of Bunbury. (Slightly torn at the edges.)
- 7. 17 May 1674. Copy of the testimony of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe, gent., as to the Preacher's Pew in Bunbury Church. (Copied and printed in "Cheshire Sheaf.")
- 8. 8 May 1677. Note by Thomas Porter, minister, accepting "the funerall Blacks" on the pulpit in Bunbury Church after the funeral of George Davenport of Calveley, Esq., from Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.
- 9. 25 March 1686. Note of churchings, burials, and marriages in Bunbury, by Richard Orme, curate.
- 10. 21 July 1686. Draft of a letter from Thomas Aldersey to the patrons, the Haberdashers' Company, relating to the curacy of Bunbury after the death of Mr. Orme, late Assistant or Curate there.
- 11. 10 March 1686[-7]. Letter from John Mould of London to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., in reply to the above, and draft of Thomas Aldersey's reply.
- 12. 25 April 1687. Note of christenings &c. in Bunbury parish, with acknowledgment of right of Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to the fees, and receipt from Daniel Barnett, Curate of Bunbury, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., for a year's stipend.
- 13. 1687. Note of baptisms &c. in Bunbury parish, by John Dicken, with acknowledgment of Mr. Aldersey's right to the fees.
- 14. 7 Feb. 1698[-9]. Autograph letter from [Nicholas Stratford], Bishop of Chester, to Thomas

- Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to the curacy of Bunbury and the exertions he had made on behalf of Mr. Aldersey's son. (The Bishop's seal is attached to the letter where it has been folded.)
- 15. 11 Nov. 1700. Receipt from John Porter to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., for a half-year's stipend.
- 16. 25 April 1701. Do. Do.
- 17. Jan. 1703[-4]. Copy of the old rents of Bunbury parish as entered in the Church Book of 1655. This Church Book was taken, with the necessary alterations in the names of the householders, from the old Church Book of 1594, as appears by the certificate of the churchwardens. (A valuable MS.)
- 18. 22 Sept. 1704. Receipt from Charles Moulson to Mr. Aldersey for his half-year's stipend.
- 19. 25 Nov. 1704. Autograph letter from [Nicholas Stratford], Bishop of Chester, to [Thomas Aldersey, Esq.], relating to Mr. Porter, late Minister at Bunbury, who had been suspended and inhibited. (Bishop's seal attached.)
- 20. 25 Nov. 1704. Draft of a letter from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to the Company of Haberdashers, relating to the discharge of Mr. Moulson, Reader at Bunbury, the suspension of Mr. John Porter, &c.
- 21. 12 Dec. 1704. Autograph letter from [Nicholas Stratford], Bishop of Chester, to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to Mr. Porter and Mr. Moulson. (Bishop's seal attached.)
- 22. 21 Dec. 1704. Receipt from Charles Moulson to Mr. Aldersey for his half-year's stipend.

- 23. 21 Dec. 1706. Receipt from William Briscall, Reader at Bunbury, to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., for his half-year's stipend.
- 24. 2 March 1708-9. Draft of a letter from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to the Company of Haberdashers, requesting the appointment of his son Samuel Aldersey to the office of Minister at Bunbury in succession to Mr. Porter.

And a draft of a letter to Mr. Perry, late Master of the Company.

- 25. 2 April 1709. Receipt from John Porter to Mr. Aldersey for £42 10s. in full satisfaction for the stipend due to his father Thomas Porter, clerk, deceased, late Minister of Bunbury.
- 26. 22 July 1710. Note of baptisms, marriages, and burials at Bunbury, signed by William Briscall, with an acknowledgment of Mr. Aldersey's right to the fees.
- 27. 23 July 1710. Receipt from William Briscall to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, for his half-year's stipend.
- 28. 21 Dec. 1711. Receipts from Mr. Birch and William Briscall to Mr. Aldersey for their half-year's salaries.
- 29. 1713. List of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, London, the patrons of Bunbury Church.
- 30. 17 March 1713-14. Letter from T. Aldersey of Spurstow to Sir Francis Forbes, Sheriff of the city of London, relating to the living of Bunbury, and recommending his sister's son, Mr. Thomas Morrall, as his son's successor.
- 31. 21 Dec. 1714. Receipt from William Briscall to Mr. Aldersey for a half-year's salary.

- 32. 1716. List of the Court of Assistants of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, London, the patrons of Bunbury Church.
- 33. 1716. Drafts of letters to the Master of the Haber-dashers' Company, Mr. Booth and Lord Cholmondely, recommending Mr. Lowe to succeed Mr. Holland as Minister of Bunbury.
- 34. 7 Aug. 1716. Letter from J. Marsh, clerk, Haber-dashers' Hall, to [Mr. Aldersey], relating to the election of Mr. Lowe to be Preacher at Bunbury, that office being vacant by the preferment of Mr. Holland.
- 35. 21 Nov. 1716. Receipt from William Briscall to Mr. Aldersey for his half-year's salary.
- 36. 13 April 1717; 18 Oct. 1718. Similar receipts.
- 37. 14 April 1718. Similar receipt.
- 38. 8 Dec. 1718. Letter or draft of a letter from Robert Aldersey from Spurstow, relating to his cousin Elizabeth Aldersey and her invalid sister and her deceased brother Daniel Aldersey, and also to the death of his old schoolfellow Mr. Jodrell.

On the back are drafts of two letters from Robert Aldersey to Lady ——, relating to the nomination of a churchwarden for Bunbury.

- 39. 10 Aug. 1721. Receipt from William Briscall to Mr. Aldersey for three half-years' salary.
- 40. 26 April 1723. Similar receipt for half a year's salary.
- 41. 23 Oct. 1725. Letter from J. Marsh, Haber-dashers' Hall, to Robert Aldersey, Esq., at Bunbury, relating to the curacy of Bunbury and to the schoolmaster and usher there.

- 42. 22 Jan. 1725[-6]. Letter from J. Marsh, clerk, Haberdashers' Hall, to Robert Aldersey, Esq., at Mr. Aldersey's, woollen draper, Chester, relating to the appointment of Mr. John Swinton to be Assistant Preacher at Bunbury in succession to Mr. Briscall, deceased.
- 43. 1726. Account of the disbursement of the rent of £130 for the rectory and tithe of Bunbury.
 - 10 Oct. 1726. Receipt from J. Swinton, Curate of Bunbury, to Robert Aldersey, Esq., for a year's stipend.
- 44. 4 Nov. 1727. Letter from Thomas Roots, clerk to Mr. Marsh, Haberdashers' Hall, to Robert Aldersey, Esq., Newgate Street, Chester, relating to Mr. Garret.
- 45. 28 May 1728. Another letter as above, relating to the Curate's salary.
- 46. 1st July 1728. Copy of an order made at a Vestry Meeting, relating to the augmentation of the Curate's salary.
- 47. 15 Nov. 1730. Copy of another order, reversing the above.
- 48. 20 May 1741. Acknowledgment by Henry Johnson of Nantwich of the permission given him by Thomas Aldersey, Doctor in Physic, for the interment and erection of a monument to his late wife in the chancel of the parish church of Bunbury.

[This monument was a badly carved statue (!) to his wife, which was subsequently buried and was discovered a few years ago.]

49. 19 Oct. 1743. Receipts from Fotherley Baker, clerk and receiver to the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, to the Rev. Samuel

- Aldersey, executor of the late Dr. Aldersey, deceased, for five years' rent charge due from the late Dr. Aldersey, and to Robert Aldersey, Esq., for one year's rent charge.
- 50. c. 1744. Draft of a letter to the patrons, the Haber-dashers' Company, relating to the curacy of Bunbury, and recommending the son of Mr. Lowe, the Preacher there, to succeed to the curacy.
- 51. 12 March 1746[-7]. Acknowledgment by Samuel Lowe, junior, Curate of Bunbury, that the surplice fees of the parish of Bunbury belong to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey.
- 52. 22 March 1746[-7]. Letter from Samuel Lowe [senior], Preacher of Bunbury, to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Malpas, relating to an inclosure on the Heath made by Widow Holland.
- 53. 31 March 1747. Letter from F. Baker to Aldersey, Esq., relating to a rent due from his estate to the Haberdashers' Company.
- 54. 22 May 1747. Draft of a letter in reply to the above, from the Rev. S. Aldersey to Mr. Fotherly Baker, clerk to the Company of Haberdashers.
- 55. 4 Aug. 1747. Another letter, relating to the above, from F. Baker to the Rev. Mr. S. Aldersey at Chester.
- of Bunbury for a year's procurations and synodals due to the Bishop of Chester, from Edward Roberts, receiver.
- 57. 11 Feb. 1748[-9]. Letter from F. Baker to "The Rev. Mr. S. Aldersey, or S. Aldersey, Esq., at

- Malpas near Whitchurch," relating to rent due to the Haberdashers' Company.
- 58. 24 March 1748[-9]. Letter from Edward Roberts of Chester to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Malpas, requesting permission to place a tombstone in Bunbury churchyard on the grave of Mrs. Priscilla Cooper.
- 59. 17 May 1757. Letter from Jerome Knapp, Haberdashers' Hall, to the Rev. Mr. Samuel Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to rent.
- 60. 25 March 1758. Letter from Thomas Harding of Bunbury to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey, relating to the clerkship of Bunbury.
- 61. 29 March 1758. Letter from Sa: Lowe, senior, of Bunbury, to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Aldersey Hall, relating to the clerkship of Bunbury.
- 62. 1759. List of the Court of Assistants of the Company of Haberdashers.
- 63. 13 Nov. 1760. Letter from Jerome Knapp to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to the death of Mr. Lowe, junior.
- 64. [Nov. 1760.] Draft of Mr. Aldersey's reply.
- 65. 25 Nov. 1760. Report of the Committee at Haber-dashers' Hall appointed to consider Mr. Aldersey's letters relating to the lectureship and curacy of Bunbury.
- 66. [1760.] Draft account of the Church of Bunbury with a statement of the Rev. S. Aldersey's proposal for augmentation of the curacy.
- 67. 27 July 1760. Letter from Jerome Knapp, Haber-dashers' Hall, to the Rev. Mr. S. Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to a successor to Mr. Lowe, junior, at Bunbury.
- 68. 30 Oct. 1760. Another letter as above, relating to

- the settlement by Mr. Aldersey of an augmentation upon the curacy of Bunbury.
- 69. 4 Dec. 1760. Letter from Jerome Knapp, Haberdashers' Hall, to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Aldersey, enclosing a copy of the report (29 Nov. 1760) of the Committee appointed to consider Mr. Aldersey's letters relating to the lectureship and curacy of Bunbury.
- 70. Dec. 1760. Two printed papers asking for vote and interest for Samuel Aldersey, clerk, LL.B., to succeed the Rev. Samuel Lowe, late Preacher at Bunbury.
- 71. Dec. 1760. One printed paper asking for vote and interest for Robert Markham, M.A.
- 72. Dec. 1760. Printed queries relating to the election of a Preacher in the parish church of Bunbury.
- 73. 17 Dec. 1760. Letter from Samuel Aldersey, dated from the Temple, to the Company of Haberdashers, relating to certain printed queries, dispersed by Mr. Markham, insinuating the impropriety of his being elected to the lectureship of Bunbury.
- 74. 12 Dec. 1760. Answers by Samuel Aldersey to printed queries relating to Bunbury Church, &c.
- 75. 15 Dec. [1760]. Note from the Bishop of Chester to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Mr. Edwards', stationer, in the Temple, desiring the attendance of Mr. Aldersey and his son to make oath to the above.
- 76. 16 Dec. 176c. Copy of Queries and Answers by Samuel Aldersey, relating to the parish church of Bunbury.

- 77. c. 1760. Part of a draft of a letter by Samuel Aldersey relating to the living of Bunbury.
- 78. c. 1760. Letter from J. Tench to ——, relating to the cure of Bunbury.
- 79. 27 Dec. 1760. Letter from George Astley to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to the living of Bunbury.
- 80. 15 Jan. 1761. Autograph letter from Edmund [Markham], Bishop of Chester, dated from London, to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Chester, relating to the augmentation of the living of Bunbury, &c. (With the Bishop's seal on the address.)
- 81. 23 Jan. 1761. Draft of a letter from Samuel Aldersey to the Bishop of Chester in reply to the above.
- 82. 7 Feb. 1761. Autograph letter from Edmund [Markham], Bishop of Chester, dated from London, to Mr. Aldersey, relating to the curacy of Bunbury, in which the following occurs:
 - "We thought it practicable that the Curate might go over to the madman's chapel, I forget the name of it, once a fort-night and receive the remainder of its income."
- 83. 9 Feb. 1761. Receipt from John Tench to Mr. Aldersey for £9 19s. od., for duty at Bursley Chapel.
- 84. 27 Oct. 1761. Note from Thomas Brock of Hooton to Mr. Aldersey, enclosing a letter.
- 85. 1781. Printed receipt from Henry Speed, receiver, to the impropriator of Bunbury for a year's procurations &c.

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- 86. 9 Dec. 1800. Letter from W. Williams, Curate of Bunbury, to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey, Hotel Row, Chester, relating to the curacy of Bunbury and to his own rectory in Wales (Merionethshire).
- 87. c. 1800. Another letter as above. (Mr. Williams was curate at Bunbury and received from Mr. Aldersey £36 a year [previously half a guinea a day] for preaching there. He also held a curacy in Merionethshire, where he had put in a curate.)
- 88. 1800. Rental of Bunbury parish.

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89. c. 1800. Statement of the value of the living and the curacy of Bunbury.

BUNDLE C.

PAPERS RELATING TO THE FREE GRAM-MAR SCHOOL AT BUNBURY co. CHESTER. (1593-4 to 1788.)

- 1. 2 Jan. 36 Eliz. [1593-4]. Copy of letters patent from Queen Elizabeth for the foundation of a Free Grammar School at Bunbury.
- 2. 31 March 37 Eliz. [1595]. Copy of a lease of the Chauntrie House in Bunbury &c. from Thomas Aldersey, citizen and haberdasher of London, to the Governors of the possessions and revenues purchased and assigned by Thomas Aldersey for the maintenance of the Free Grammar School and Preacher, and re-

lief of the poor in the parish of Bunbury, for the term of 2000 years.

- 3. c. 1700. Copy of the bill of complaint of Robert Griffith, gent., on behalf of himself and others, and also on behalf of the poor of Bunbury, relating to the misapplication of the salaries appointed for the preacher, schoolmaster, and usher of Bunbury, by the Master and Wardens of the Company of Haberdashers and Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq.
- 4. 6 Sept. 1704. Note relating to an annual charge of 12s. on the estate of Thomas Birch in favour of the Free School of Bunbury.
- 5. 13 Nov. 1705. Letter from Richard Staer, of the Company of Haberdashers, to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., at Spurstow, relating to Mr. Hool, schoolmaster of Bunbury.
- 6. 21 Nov. 1705. Draft of a letter from Thomas Aldersey to the Company of Haberdashers, relating to certain allegations against Mr. Hool, schoolmaster of Bunbury.
- 7. 20 Sept. 1706. Do., relating to repairs to Bunbury School, &c.
- 8. 29 June 1714, Cholmondeley. Letter from William Adams to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., at Spurstow, requesting him to examine certain witnesses relating to the destruction of ducks at Berrmeare in Bickley belonging to Lord Cholmondeley.
- 9. 12 March 1719-20. Memorandum (under seal) of agreement for sale of certain trees in Spurstow and Bunbury, from Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to William Wright of Doddlespoole co. Stafford, gent., and his partners, for £750,

to be paid on 24 June, 1721, with mutual covenants.

- 10. c. 1720. Note of certain rents.
- 11. 26 June 1721. Copy of a letter from Mr. Aldersey to the Haberdashers' Company, relating to the departure of Mr. Birch, late schoolmaster of Bunbury, and the appointment of a successor.
- 12. 14 Dec. 1742. Letter from F. Baker of Haber-dashers' Hall to the Rev. Samuel Lowe at Bunbury, relating to the schoolmaster and school house of Bunbury.
- 13. 16 Sept. 1755. Letter from Jerome Knapp, clerk, Haberdashers' Hall, to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Bunbury, relating to the ruinous condition of Bunbury Free School.
- 14. 7 Oct. 1755. Draft of Mr. Aldersey's reply.
- 15. 26 Oct. 1756. Another letter from Jerome Knapp, as above.
- 16. 8 Nov. 1756. Draft of a letter in reply from Mr. Aldersey, with certificate signed by Samuel Lowe, minister of Bunbury, S. Lowe, assistant, and Will^m. Fenna and Sam¹. Shallcross, churchwardens.
- 17. 30 April 1757. Another letter from Jerome Knapp, as above, with an application for rent due to the Haberdashers' Company.
- 18. 15 Sept. 1757. Draft of a letter from S. Aldersey to Lancelot Andrews, Esq., Haberdashers' Hall, London, relating to repairs to Bunbury School, &c.
- 19. 10 Nov. 1757. Letter from Jerome Knapp to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to repairs at Bunbury, as above.
- 20. 18 Dec. 1757. Draft of Mr. Aldersey's reply.

- 21. Feb. 1779. Letter from Thomas Fletcher to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey, Bunbury, relating to his qualification as a teacher.
- 22. Feb. 1782. Note of expenses on going to Salop with cheese.
- 23. 5 Dec. 1787. Letter from Jerome Knapp, Haberdashers' Hall, London, to the Rev. Mr. S. Aldersey, Bunbury, relating to repairs to Bunbury school house, &c.

With copies of a letter (dated 24 Nov. 1787) from Thomas Fletcher, schoolmaster of Bunbury, to the Haberdashers' Company, and a petition of Edward Parsons, usher of the said school, to the said Company, and 5 Jan. 1788. Draft of Mr. Aldersey's reply (endorsed thereon).

BUNDLE D.

MISCELLANEOUS CHESHIRE PAPERS.

(c. 1500 to 1800.)

- 1. c. 1500. Memorandum relating to a house and lands in Acton.
- 2. c. 1510. Note of the lands of Henry Aldersey in Hatton in the parish of Daresbury and in Acton.
- 3. c. 1520. Note of lands in Hatton in the parish of Daresbury.
- 4. c. 1580. A list of certain debts.
- 5. 16 Dec. 1595. Award by Thomas Wylbram [Wil-

braham] and George Leycester, Esquires, in a dispute between Hughe Calveley, Esq., on the one part, and Davyd Calveley of Peckforton, gent., and Thomas Calveley his son, on the other part, as to the Bridesfields in Bunbury.

- 6. 2 Feb. 1 James [1603-4]. Grant by John Massie of Coddington co. Chester, Esq., to Hugh Calveley of Hanley cum Milton co. Chester, gent., of a parcel of land called Little Potts Moor in Aldersey co. Chester, in exchange.
- 7. c. 1630. Copy of an indenture (in Latin), dated on Thursday next after the feast of the Apostles Philip and James [1 May] 1372, by which Richard, lord of Spurstow, grants to Ralph de Tervin and Joan his wife three places of land with their appurtenances in the vills of of Halghton and Spurstowe, in exchange for the third part of all the lands and wind mill which formerly belonged to Richard de Stalker in Spurstowe.
 - 8. 1631, 1635. Notes of certain services for lands.
 - 9. 1640 to 1659. Easter Roll for Calveley.
- of Milton Green co. Chester to Richard Moulton of Warton, for £350.
- 11. 19 April 1660. Agreement by Eleanor Killmorey, relating to a certain sum of money lent by Mrs. Venables to George Huxley.
- 12. 28 Jan. 1660[-1]. Defeasance from Richard Moulton of Warton co. Chester, yeoman, to George Calveley of Milton Green co. Chester, gent., relating to lands in Aldersey co. Chester, on payment of £361 16s. od.
- 13. Copy of the above defeasance.

- 14. 9 Dec. 1665. Release from George Calveley of Milton Green co. Chester, gent., to William Moulton of Faddeley co. Chester, yeoman, nephew and heir of Richard Moulton late of Wharton co. Chester, yeoman, deceased, of a messuage and lands in Aldersey co. Chester.
- 15. 28 Dec. 1665. Bond from George Calveley of Milton Green, gent., to William Moulton of Faddeley, yeoman, to perform covenants.
- 16. 5 July 1667. Opinion of John Ratcliffe as to a decree concerning lands conveyed by Sir Thomas Moulson to Mr. Aldersey and others in trust for the benefit of Hargrave Chapel and School.
- Faddeley co. Chester, gent., to Thomas Aldersey of the city of Chester, son and heir apparent of Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe co. Chester, Esq., for £123 7s. 8d., the purchase money for a certain parcel of land in Aldersey called the Higher Hey.
- 18. 2 Feb. 1677[-8]. Bond from John Thomasson, son and heir of John Thomasson of Huxley co. Chester, gent., to Joseph Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., to perform covenants.
- 19. 11 July 1678. Note from Henry Wilbraham, acknowledging that he had taken from Mr. Huxley the tithes of Tiverton for twelve months at the rent of £27.
- 20. 10 Feb. 1678[-9]. Release from John Thomasson of Huxley co. Chester, gentleman, to Joseph Basnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., for certain sums of money due to him or his son as a marriage portion.

- 21. 27 Feb. 1687[-8]. Articles of agreement made prior to the marriage of John Minshull of Coddington co. Chester, gent., with Frances Bassnett, spinster, one of the daughters of Joseph Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent.
- 22. 18 June 1688. Release from John Minshull of Coddington co. Chester, gent., to Joseph Basnett the elder of Barnton co. Chester, gentleman, his father-in-law, for the marriage portion of Frances Minshull his wife.
- 23. 16 July 1691. Declaration by Robert Burroughs, gent., relating to certain Spurstow deeds.
- of Minera co. Denbigh, gent., and Isaac Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., relating to the lands of the said John Minshull in Coddington co. Chester.
- 25. 8 July 1691. Acknowledgment by Joseph Basnett, second son of the late Joseph Basnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., to his brother Isaac Basnett of Spurstow, gent., executor of the last will of their said late father, for certain bonds.
- 26. 7 July 1691. Receipt from John Eaton of the Seven Oaks in Over Whitley co. Chester, gent., to his brother-in-law Isaac Basnet, gent., for a legacy of 20s. left by the last will of his late father-in-law Joseph Basnet of Barnton, gent., lately deceased.
 - 30 July 1691. Similar receipt from John Thomason of Huxley co. Chester, yeoman, to his brother-in-law Isaac Basnet, gent.
- 27. 28 July 1691. Release from John Eaton of Seven Oaks in Over Whitley, gent., to Isaac Basnet of Barnton, gent., for all sums of money, ex-

cept what is due by the last will of Joseph Basnet late of Barnton, gent., deceased.

- 28. 29 Aug. 1691. Opinion of John Hunt, relating to the will of Joseph Basnett, deceased.
- 29. 6 May 1692. Draft Articles between Sir William Stych and Sir Philip Egerton, relating to the sale of certain timber growing at Leighton in the parish of Nantwich co. Chester, to be converted into charcoal.

(In the handwriting of Thomas Aldersey, Esq.)

- 30. 13 June 1692. Release from Joseph Bassnett of Egerton co. Chester, gent., to Isaac Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., sole executor of the last will of Joseph Bassnett late of Barnton, gent., deceased, for all legacies left to him by the said will.
- 31. 13 June 1692. Similar Release from John Minshull of Minera co. Denbigh, gent., for all legacies left to him and Frances his wife.
- 32. 13 June 1692. Similar Release from John Eaton of Seven Oaks co. Chester, gent., for all legacies left to him and Katharine his wife.
- 33. 13 June 1692. Similar Release from John Thomason of Huxley co. Chester, gent., for all legacies left to him and Mary his wife.
- 34. 13 June 1692. Bond from Joseph Bassnett of Egerton co. Chester, gent., to Isaac Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., concerning the will of Joseph Bassnett late of Barnton, gent., deceased.
- 35. 13 June 1692. Similar Bond from John Minshull of Minera co. Denbigh, gent., to Isaac Bassnett of Barnton, gent.

- 36. 13 June 1692. Similar Bond from John Eaton of Seven Oaks co. Chester, gent., to Isaac Bassnett of Barnton, gent.
- 37. 13 June 1692. Similar Bond from John Thomason of Huxley co. Chester, gent., to Isaac Bassnett of Barnton, gent.
- 38. 20 April 1693. Release from James Baylie of the parish of St. Clement Danes co. Middlesex, cheesemonger, to his brother-in-law Isaac Bassnet of Barnton, gent. (sole executor of the last will of Joseph Bassnet late of Barnton, gent, deceased), for all legacies left to him and Abigail his wife by the said will.
- 39. 20 April 1693. Bond from James Baylie of the parish of St. Clement Danes co. Middlesex, cheesemonger, to Isaac Bassnett of Barnton co. Chester, gent., concerning the will of Joseph Bassnett late of Barnton, gent., deceased.
- 40. 20 Oct. 1698. Receipt from John Thomason to Isaac Bassnett of Heycroft co. Chester, gent., for a certain sum of money due to his children after the death of the late mother of the said Isaac Bassnett.
- Huxley co. Chester, yeoman, John Eaton of Seven Oaks in Over Whitley co. Chester, yeoman, John Minshull of Coddington co. Chester, yeoman, John Minshull of Coddington co. Chester, yeoman, and James Bayley of the city of London, cheesemonger, to Isaac Basnett of Haycroft in Spurstow co. Chester, gent., and Joseph Basnett of Badileigh co. Chester, gent., executors of the last will of Frances Basnett late of Barnton co. Chester,

- widow, deceased, for all legacies left to them or their wives or children by the said will.
- 42. 20 May 1699. Copy of the Foundation of Darnhall School co. Chester, by Thomas Lee of Darnhall, Esq., in fulfilment of trust declared by his mother Elizabeth Venables, widow.
- 43. 25 Feb. 1716[-17]. Copy Decree by the Court of Exchequer at Chester, relating to Brindley charities.
- 44. 9 July 1723. Indenture of Apprenticeship of Elizabeth Wilbraham, a poor child of Brindley in the parish of Acton co. Chester, to John Price of Burland in the said parish until she should accomplish the age of 18 years and 3 months.
- 45. 22 May 1727. The dimensions of a stone taken out of Thomas Williams, a grocer in Chester.
- 46. 5 Nov. 1746. The conclusion of an exercise spoken at Baliol College, Oxford. (Lines on Prince Charles Edward.)
- 47. c. 1750. The Genealogy of James Derbyshire of Brasenose College, Oxford.
- 48. 27 Aug. 1777. Agreement by Robert Burchwood of Ashton, that his nephew Thomas Williams should renew an old lease.
- 49. 22 Dec. 1778. Agreement between Thomas Hignett of Dodleston co. Chester, gent., and John Gardner of Ashton co. Chester, gent. (on behalf of his landlord the Rev. Mr. Aldersey), as to the exchange of a road in Ashton.
- 50. 3 July 1790. Indenture of Apprenticeship of Hannah Davenport, a poor child of the township of Brindley co. Chester, to John Done of

Brindley, farmer, until the said Hannah should be 21 years of age.

51. c. 1800. Copy of an advertisement of an entertainment at the Haymarket.

BUNDLE E.

ALDERSEY LETTERS.

(1625-6 to 1808.)

- 1. 20 Feb. 1625[-6], London. Letter from John Aldersey to his brother Mr. Thomas Aldersey of Spurstowe near Bunbury.
- 2. 31 May 1631. Letter from Richard Wilbraham to his friend Mr. Thomas Aldersey at the Lord Keeper's house in the Strand.
- 3. 17 May 1638, Eccleston. Letter from William Colly to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., Escheator of the county of Chester, relating to the lands of Ralph Asley of Golborne Bellowe, deceased.
- 4. 17 Jan. 1646[-7]. Letter from Thomas Aldersey to Mr. Thomas Langley, Minister of Middlewich, requesting him to preach his (Thomas Aldersey's) mother's funeral sermon.

With Mr. Langley's reply.

- 5. 8 Aug. 1649, Darley Hall. Letter from Nathaniel Swann to —— requesting a loan.
- 6. 12 Jan. 1649[-50], Ridley. Letter from Jo. Eddowes to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to land called the Broad Moors.
- 7. 11 Oct. 1653, Oxon. Letter from Jo. Burscough

- to [Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow (?)], relating to his nephew "ingenious Tom."
- 8. 1654. Letter from Jo. Burscough to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to his son.
- 9. 15 Jan. 1655[-6] [Oxford]. Letter from Thomas Aldersey to his father.
- 10. 1655-1660. Commonplace Book containing verses &c. Probably written by Thomas Aldersey, born 1634, afterwards of Grays Inn, barrister-at-law.
- 11. 28 June 1662, Hatton. Letter from Peter Dutton to [Thomas Aldersey, Esq.], relating to a mortgage.
- 12. 17 July 1662, Hatton. Letter from Peter Dutton to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to a mortgage.
- 13. 4 Nov. 1662. Letter from Peter Dutton to Captain Roe of Bickley, relating to certain payments, with note from the latter to Mr. Aldersey.
- 14. 25 Aug. 1662. Letter from John Ratcliffe to Mr. Aldersey, relating to tithe corn.
- 14*. Copy of the above.
- 15. 29 Aug. 1662. Letter from Thomas Aldersey to his father Mr. Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, relating to Mr. Ratcliffe's letter.
- 16. 15 March 1663[-4]. Letter from John Leche to his cousin Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to a certain settlement by Colonel Cooke.
- 17. 23 Feb. 1664, Edge. Letter from Peter Dutton to [Mr. Aldersey], relating to a lease of Moulton's tenement, &c.
- 18. 12 May 1665. Letter from Thomas Spanne to

- Thomas Aldersey the younger, Esq., of Spurstow, as to an account.
- 19. 14 June 1665, Hatton. Letter from Peter Dutton to his cousin Col. Robert Venables, Foregate Street, Chester [whose stepdaughter Margaret Lee married Thomas Aldersey the younger of Spurstow], relating to the title to certain land in the township of Aldersey purchased from the said Peter Dutton by his cousin Aldersey of Spurstow.
- 20. 8 Aug. 1668 [Chester]. Letter from Thomas Aldersey to his father Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, with a statement of accounts.
- 21. 10 Dec. 1668 [Chester]. Letter from Thomas Aldersey to his father Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, relating to a certain lease and to a projected marriage for his sister.
- Jan. 1685-6) of seven letters from Richard Hatton of Teverton to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., relating to certain accounts between them and a lease of the tithes within Teverton.
- 23. Aug. 1669. Letter from Mr. Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow to his son Mr. Thomas Aldersey of Chester, relating to the death of Mr. Dutton, &c., with the son's reply dated 14 Aug. 1669.
- 24. c. 1670 [qu. 1675]. Letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Aldersey to her son Mr. Thomas Aldersey at Tarporley, as to his coming to live at Spurstow, with copy of Mr. Aldersey's reply on the back.
- 25. c. 1670 [qu. 1675]. Letter from Mr. Thomas

Aldersey to his brother Mr. Robert Aldersey at the Ship in Bread Street, London, relating to a suit concerning certain trust moneys. (Refers to birth of daughter of writer, who is to be called Mary, and to his father as apparently then dead.)

- 26. 16 March 1671[-2], Tiverton. Copy of a letter from Richard Hatton to Mr. Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, relating to a certain debt owing to the said Mr. Aldersey.
- 27. 16 Sept. 1672, St. Alban's. Letter from Robert Robotham to his nephew Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Chester, relating to his uncle's estate. (N.B.—The writer of this letter seems to be the great-uncle of Thomas Aldersey, and not his uncle of the same name, who was the writer of the next letter.)
- 28. 17 Oct. 1672, St. Alban's. Letter from Robert Robotham to his sister Mrs. Elizabeth Aldersey of Spurstow.
- 29. 24 Aug. 1674. Letter from Thomas Aldersey [of Spurstow, Esq.] to his son Thomas Aldersey, Esq., at the Ship in Bread Street, London, relating to a certain lawsuit, &c.
- 30. 13 Sept. 1674. Copy Letter from Thomas Aldersey [of Spurstow, Esq.,] to his son [Thomas Aldersey, Esq.], relating to Mr. Hatton, &c.
- 31. 28 July 1675. Letter from Thomas Aldersey to Mr. Thomas Brewer at the Six Clerks office in Chancery Lane, London, relating to a suit concerning certain trust moneys.
- 32. 6 July 1677, Teverton. Letter from Richard Hatton to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Tarporley, relating to rent due on a lease of tithes, for

- which proceedings had been taken against him.
- 33. 23 Sept. 1678, Chester. Letter from Thomas Hassall to Mr. Aldersey, as to certain money.
- 34. 2 Nov. 1680. Letter from Robert Cotton to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Tarporley near Nantwich, Cheshire, relating to the Popish Plot against the King, the Government, and the Protestant religion.
- 35. c. 1680 [qu. 1690]. Letter from Robert Robotham to his nephew [Thomas Aldersey], relating to the latter's sister and a suitor for her hand.
- 36. 29 May 1680. Letter from W. Hilton to the Rt. Rev. Henry [Bridgeman], Bishop of Sodor and Man, at Chester, relating to the death of the former's daughter, &c.
- 37. 15-17 June c. 1680 [qu. 1690]. Letter from Ann Aldersey to her brother Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to their uncle Robert Robotham, &c., with a paragraph written by Robert Robotham himself.
- 38. 17 June 1680, Desford. Letter from John Worthington to [the Bishop of Sodor and Man] as to a book "Granger on Eccles. in 4to," with a message to friends in Barrow parish. (Dr. Henry Bridgeman, Bishop of Sodor and Man, was appointed to the Rectory of Barrow in Cheshire in 1639. He died in 1682.)
- 39. 28 Nov. 1681. Copy Letter of condolence from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to his brother Robert Aldersey on the death of his child.
- 40. c. 1685 [qu. 1703]. Copy Letter of advice from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to his son's daughter

- after her marriage [qu. Mary Edwards, who married in 1703].
- 41. Sept. 1685. Copy Letter from Thomas Aldersey to his mother-in-law as to a promise made by her previous to his marriage, relating to a certain settlement. [Not sent till two years afterwards.]
- 42. Jan. 1685-6. Do. Do. [Never sent.]
- 43. 6 Sept. 1687. Do. Do. [At back of the copy of the letter dated Sept. 1685 (E. No. 41 sup.).]
- 44. 31 Jan. 1686-7. Copy Letter from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to his brother John as to certain troubles of the latter.
- 45. 20 April 1688. Letter from Ri: Drakeford to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., as to suit and service to the manor court of Spurstow.
- 45*. Copy of Mr. Aldersey's reply.
- 46. 14 March 1688-9, St. Alban's. Letter from Robert Robotham to his nephew Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, of a political nature.

With copy of Mr. Aldersey's reply.

- 47. 18 April 1689, St. Alban's. Letter from Robert Robotham to his nephew Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, announcing the death of his wife, and asking that his niece Ann Aldersey (sister of Thomas Aldersey) might come and live with him.
- 48. April 1690. Copy Letter of condolence from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to his brother Robert on the death of his child.
- 49. c. 1690 [qu. 1695]. Copy Letter from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to one of his younger sons [qu. Samuel], mainly relating to the religious views of the latter.

- 50. c. 1690 (?). Copy Letter from —— to a lady whom he addresses as his sister on the death of her only son, with what seems to be the draft of a funeral sermon by the same writer on the other leaf.
- 51. April 1693. Copy Letter from [qu. Thomas] Aldersey to his brother John on the death of the latter's partner.
- 52. 18 Jan. 1693-4, London. Letter from Robert Aldersey to his father Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, as to his office in London on the west side of the Exchange.
- Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, with particulars of the estate of the co-heirs of Spurstow.
- 54. Aug. 1695. Copy Letter of condolence from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to Mr. Knightley (?) on the death of his son.
- Esq., to Mr. Stafford, relating to young Mr. Spurstow and his land, &c.
- 56. 15 April 1697, London. Letter from Robert Aldersey to his father, relating to his office in London.

With notes or meditations written on the back by Thomas Aldersey, Esq.

57. 24 Jan. 1698-9. Letter from Ann Rochford to her brother Thomas Aldersey, Esq.

With a draft letter or memorial by him, with reference to a complaint as to the non-payment of certain taxes in the hundred of Eddisbury, written on the back.

58. 26 Oct. 1699. Copy Letter from Thomas Aldersey, Esq., to one of his sons [qu. Samuel].

- 59. I April 1707, London. Letter from J. Aldersey to his father Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to a certain debt on Haighton, &c.
- 60. 22 April c. 1710, Nantwich. Letter from Randle Wilbraham to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to certain papers.
- 61. 1 Nov. 1711, Henbury. Letter from William Meredith to Thomas Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to a mortgage.
- 62. 16 March 1712-13, Coddington. Letter from William Massie to Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., as to casting clay on the common.
- 63. 22 July 1713, Dunnington. Letter from John Lee to his uncle Thomas Aldersey, Esq., relating to his sister Mrs. Sidney Lee and her children, and enclosing copy of a letter from a Mr. Thomas Joyce.

With two draft letters at the back with reference to the militia, in which the writer tenders his resignation of his commission.

- 64. 26 June 1714. Letter from Thomas Aldersey of Spurstow, Esq., to his son Samuel Aldersey on his acquisition of the Rectory of Wigan, containing advice on preaching and other matters.
- 65. 20 March 1715-16. Letter from Lord Cholmondeley to Mr. Aldersey of Spurstow as to the latter resigning his commission.

With copy of Mr. Aldersey's reply.

- 66. 28 June 1719. Copy Letter from Robert Aldersey of Spurstow, relating to a certain bond.
- 66*. 1719 (?). Copy Letter from Robert Aldersey of Spurstow to Richard Arderne, Esq., relating to the same bond. (At back of E. No. 66 sup.)

- 67. c. 1720. Copy Letter from Robert Aldersey of Spurstow to his cousin ——.
- 68. c. 1720. Do. Do. (With another copy letter to some one else at the back.)
- 69. c. 1720. Copy Letter from Robert Aldersey to "My Lord ——," requesting his patronage for his nephew John Aldersey, to be employed by the commissioners of excise.
- 70. 5 Dec. c. 1720, Blatherweek. Letter from Ed: Stafford to Mr. Aldersey of Spurstow, relating to the Spurstow estate.
- 71. Candlemas Day 1720, London. Letter from J. Aldersey to his brother Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to the "Bubbles."
- 72. 25 Jan. 1719-20, Stockport. Letter from Richard Arderne to Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, as to certain accounts.
- 73. 20 July 1726, Kirkless. Letter from Thomas Kendrick to his cousin Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to his position at the Stamp Office.
- 74. 2 March 1726-7, London. Letter from T. Aldersey to his uncle Robert Aldersey, Esq., at his house in Goss Lane, Chester, relating to an application for a post in the office of the Commissioners of Customs for his brother.
- 75. 5 June 1727. Letter from Jos. Hall to Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to a bill for £350.
- 76. 19 June 1728. Letter from Jos. Hall to Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to certain deeds.
- 77. 27 June 1728. Letter from Jos. Hall to Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, as above.

- 78. 17 Aug. 1728. Do. Do.
- 79. 2 Nov. 1728, Cork Harbour. Letter from J. Aldersey to his uncle Robert Aldersey, Esq., Newgate Street, Chester, giving an account of his voyage.
- 80. 19 March 1729, London. Letter from J. Aldersey to his brother Robert Aldersey, Esq., Chester, relating to the bankruptcy of their cousin Robert Aldersey, who owed him £200 on a bond. (It was hoped that the works at Shrewsbury would realize £1000.)
- 81. 16 April c. 1730 [qu. c. 1732], Christ Church. Letter from T. Aldersey to his uncle Robert Aldersey, Esq., of Spurstow, relating to the conduct of his brother at college. [Qu. Samuel Aldersey, who matriculated at Ch. Ch., Oxford, in Nov. 1731, but took his degree LL.B. at Trin. Hall, Cambridge, in 1758.]
- 82. c. 1730. Fragment of a letter relating to three Fellowships and three Scholarships in Queen's College, founded by Sir James Bridgeman for divinity, physic, and music.
- 83. 29 July 1730, Lincoln. Letter from T. Aldersey to his father, the Rev. Mr. Aldersey, Rector of Wigan, relating to a Fellowship of Queen's College, &c.
- 84. 3 Dec. 1730, London. Letter from Thomas Jackson to Robert Aldersey, Esq., at Chester, announcing the death of [John Aldersey] a brother of the said Robert Aldersey, who died 2 Dec. 1730 in London on his return from Bath.
- 85. 6 Dec. 1730, Wigan. Letter from Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Wigan, to his brother Robert

Aldersey, Esq., relating to the death of their brother John Aldersey.

With copy of the will (dated 11 Nov. 1728) of the latter.

- 86. I Jan. 1730-1. Letter from Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Wigan, to his brother Robert Aldersey, Esq., Chester, relating to the estate of their brother John Aldersey, deceased, which included a bond from his cousin Robert Aldersey and a note from Jonathan Aldersey.
- 87. 4 Nov. 1734, Trelydon. Letter from the Rev. James Egerton to his cousin Samuel Aldersey of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, refusing the said Samuel Aldersey's offer of marriage to Frances Egerton, his daughter.
- 88. 11 Nov. 1734, Cambridge. Samuel Aldersey's reply to Mr. Egerton's letter.
- 89. I July 1749, Cateaton Street, London. Letter from B. [Bridgeman] Aldersey to his brother the Rev. Mr. Aldersey.

With verses on Tattenhall Wake.

- 90. 22 April 1755, Whitechapel. Letter from J. Davie to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey of Aldersey, relating to the said Mr. Aldersey's house at Chester.
- 91. 16 Aug. 1755. Copy Letter from S. Aldersey to his brother[-in-law] Hesketh at Warrington, as to a situation for Tom Lancaster [their nephew (?)].
- 92. 8 Nov. 1755, Aldersey. Copy Letter from S. Aldersey to Mrs. [Joseph] Lancaster at Chorley near Wigan, relating to Fanny, Mary and Gratia Lancaster and Tom Lancaster, &c.
- 93. 22 Dec. 1761, Ellesmere. Note from M. Sheloocke

- to Mr. Stubbs, Whitchurch, as to a certain receipt.
- 94. 12 May 1762, Pelton. Letter from Jon. Chambre to Mr. S. Stubbs, Whitchurch, relating to Mr. Aldersey's mortgage to Lady Broughton.
- 95. 30 May 1771. Invitations from Lord Cholmondeley to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey and Robert Aldersey, Esq., to dine at the Talbot on the King's birthday, 4 June, at 3 o'clock.
- 96. 7 Jan. 1783, London. Letter from R. Churton to [(?) Rev. Mr. Aldersey] relating to certain literary criticisms of the latter, &c.
- 97. 16 Sept. 1786, Acton. Letter from William Morgan to the Rev. Mr. Aldersey, Rector of Bunbury, relating to Brindley Charity money.
- 98. 26 Dec. 1788, Acton. Letter from William Morgan to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Bunbury, relating to the charities belonging to the parish of Acton.

With copy of Mr. Aldersey's reply, dated 6 Jan. 1789.

- 99. 23 Jan. 1789, Acton. Letter from William Morgan to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey, Rector of Bunbury, relating to Brindley Charity money. With copy of Mr. Aldersey's reply.
- gan to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to Brindley and Acton Charities.
- 101. 8 June 1789, Acton. Letter from Thomas Cotes to the Rev. Samuel Aldersey at Aldersey, relating to Brindley Charity money.
- 102. 13 July 1789. Do. Do.
- 102*. Copy of the will of the donor of the money, &c.

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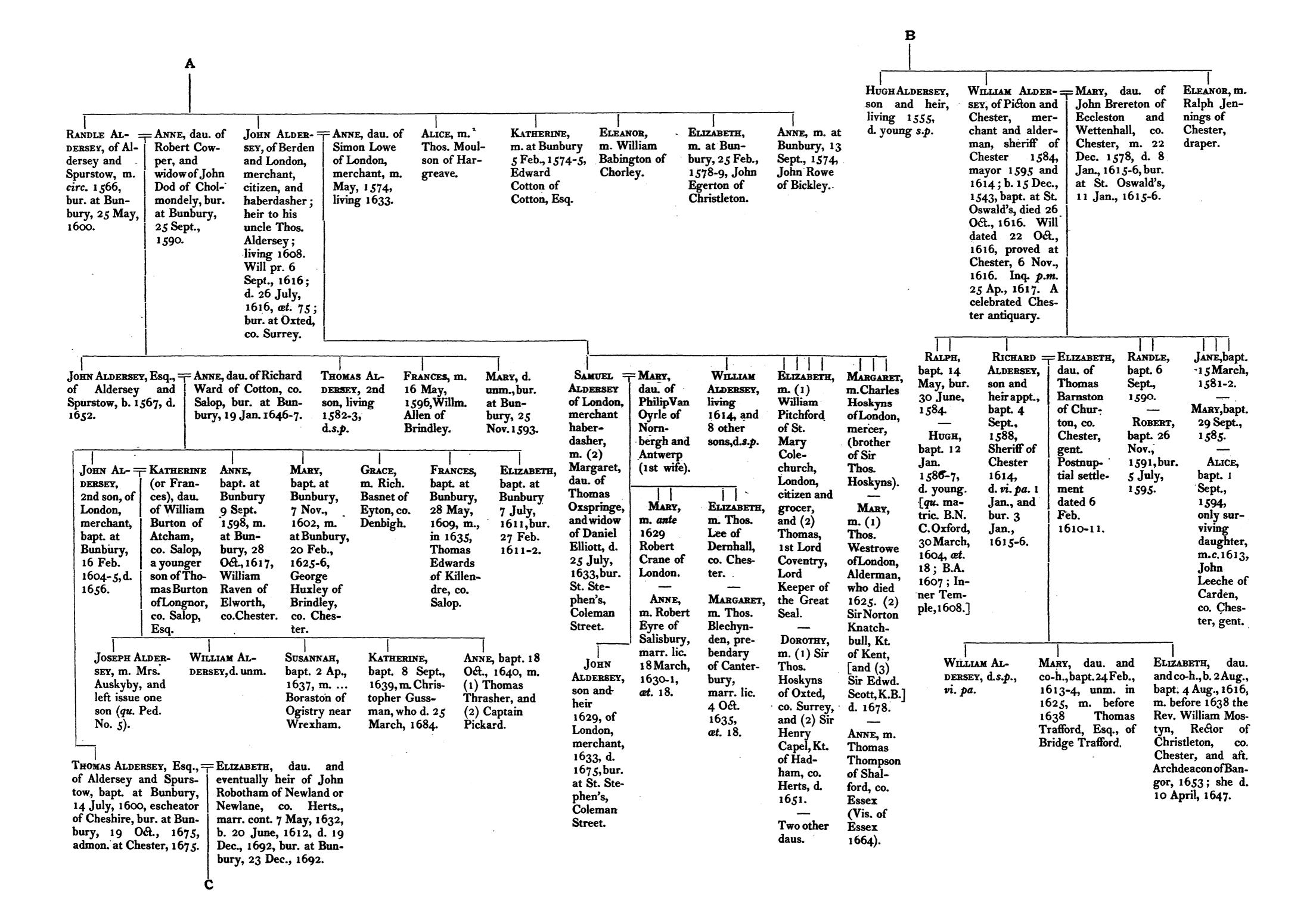
- 103. 25 April 1792, Muston. Letter from George Crabbe to Samuel Aldersey, Esq., at Ludlow, acknowledging the receipt of and criticising a poem by the said Samuel Aldersey.
- 104. 8 April 1808, Uffington. Letter from Corbet Browne to Samuel Aldersey, Esq., of Aldersey Hall, relating to the christening of Mrs. Browne's little girl, &c.
- 105. 7 Oct. 1808. Printed circular from the Bishop of Chester to Samuel Aldersey of Aldersey, Esq., appointing him one of the commissioners for the district of Malpas to inquire into and ascertain the benefices of less value than £150 per annum, in order that the Bishop might certify to the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty.

Arms.—Gu. on a bend [bend engrailed] arg. between two cinquefoils or three leopards' faces vert. Crest.—A demi-griffin segreant gu. beaked and legged or, issuing out of a plume of five ostrich feathers of the last. · Ralph. Adam, grantee from his father Hanley. of all his lands and services in Aldresey and Barton, except tenement granted to his son Robert, occ. 1308 to 1338. son of Ralph son of Adam, occ. 1336 to 1351. Will dated June, 1354.

(No. 1) PEDIGREE OF ALDERSEY, OF ALDERSEY AND SPURSTOW, London, Chester, and Bickerton.

From Aldersey Ped. Roll, 1629; Harl. MSS. 2153, ff. 37d, 38; 1424, fo. 12b; 1505, fo. 11b; Ormerod's, "Cheshire" (2nd Ed.) ii. 739; Earwaker's MS. Pedigree; Fam. Ev. and Par. Reg., etc.

= Hugh de Aldresey = Cecily, dau. of Robert de Hockenhull (Harl. MS. 2161, fos. 261 and 262). (1st wife.) (2nd wife.) RALPH DE ALDRESEY; mentioned in grant-ADAM DE ALDRESEY, son of Hugh, lord of a = ALICE, dau. of Sir Simon Hatton, Kt. of Jeru-WILLIAM DE ALDRESEY, son and heir of his mother Cecily, grantee from his brother by his mother Cecily of lands in Hockensalem (Harl. MS. 2119, fo. 6). moiety of the vill of Aldresey, made partition Adam of lands in Aldresey. hull, grantee from his brother Adam of of Aldresey Wood with Hugh, son of Hugh two messuages and land in Aldresey. de Hatton, and others, c. 1294 (Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. 2, m. 21 dorso), grants lands in Aldresey to his brothers William and THOMAS DE ALDRESEY, son of Ralph = son of Hugh, of age 1308 (Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. 2, m. 11 ROBERT DE ALDRESEY, son of = MARGARET, dau. of William de William DE Aldresey, living dorso) grantee of land in Aldresey RALPH DE ALDRESEY, son of = MARGARET, dau. of Ralph de from Ralph son of Adam son of Aldford (Harl. MS. 2037, fo. -17 Ed. 1 (1289). Adam, had a suit with Hugh, Hugh, c. 1315. 214b), living 1313. son of Hugh de Hatton, concerning right of estovers in Aldresey Wood, 1308 (Chester Plea Roll, 1 and 2 Ed. 2, m. WILLIAM DE ALDRESEY, son of= 13), living 1313. Thomas, quitclaims right in Aldresey Wood to Ralph, son of Adam, ALDERSEYS of Middle Aldersey in exchange for land in Hulgreve, (Ped. No. 2). WILLIAM DE ALD-ROBERT DE ALDRESEY, 1324. Hugh de Aldresey, = Margaret, dau. of grantee of lands in Bar-William de Rosingreve. RESEY, occ. 1343. ALDERSEYS of Great Aldersey, Horton from his father, ton, and other lines (Ped. No. 4). 1338, occurs. 1342 (Chester Recog. Roll). HUGH DE ALDRESEY, = MARGERY, dau. and PHILIP ALDERSEY, == heir of Richard de occ. 1421 and 1424. of Bickerton. Barton, occ. 1424. JOHN ALDERSEY, - ANNE, dau. of Peter Bryd WILLIAM DE ALDRESEY, occ. = MARGERY, dau. and heir of John Aldersey, of Bickerton. of Bickerton. of Broxton. (Ancestor of the ALDERSEYS 1445 and 1447. John Touke, alias Stalker, of Lower Spurstow, by Margaret, of Bickerton, acc. to both Pedigree Rolls and Harl. MS. dau. and heir of ... Brayne of PHILIP ALDERSEY, Toan, dau. of Ralph Johnson John Aldersey. HENRY ALDERSEY, of London. 2119, fo. 6, and 2153, fo. Brindley, occ. 1447. of Bickerton. (or Jameson) of Boulsworth. [qu. Will pr. 1 June, 1602.] 38b; but cf. Harl. MS. 1535, fo. 6, and Add. MS. 5529, HENRY ALDERSEY, of Alder- - Joan, dau. of John Hockfo. 2). HENRY ALDER- PHILIP ALDER- RALPH ALDER- RANDALL AL- ELIZABETH, Anne, m. sey and Spurstow, son and enhull of Hockenhull Platt, SEY, of Bicker- SEY, d.s.p. Robert Smith dau. of Lewis SEY. DERSEY, of DERSEY. heir of William, occ. 1474 gent. (1st wife). ton, d.s.p. 25 Warton, aft. of Roberts, of of Warton. to Sept. 1505; died in Aug. Nov., 1642. Chester. Irlee. NICHOLAS AL-1506; m. (2) Alice, dau. of DERSEY., widow in Aug. 1506. Hugh Aldersey, of = Margaret (or Eliza-John Aldersey, of Al- = Agnes or Anne, dau. of ROBERT ALDERSEY, of = ANNE, dau. of ... RICHARD ALDERSEY, of = MARGARET, dau. of Chester, ald. and mer-James Cotgreave of dersey and Spurstow, Thomas Bridde of Chester, alderman, ветн), dau. of Randle Picton, living 1508 and Malbon of Malpas. gent., son and heir of Clotton, co. Chester; sheriff of Chester 1513, chant, sheriff of Ches-1528. Hargreave, co. Chester. Bamville of Gaws-Henry, occ. 1504. ter 1516, mayor 1528, marriage settlement mayor 1525, grantee worth. of house in Watergate 16 Sept., 1504; living Will (lands only) dated 1541, and 1546. Inv. 23 Sept., 1528. Will St., clothworker, Jan., 17 May, 1546 or 1547. 1528. (1) Jane, \Rightarrow Ralph Aldersey, of \Rightarrow (2) Anne, WILLIAM ALDERSEY, (goods only) dated 30 1516-7. Picton, merchant and living 1555. widow of Robert dau. and Sept., 1554, and proved alderman of Chester, Birkenhead, heir of 17 Nov., 1554. ALDERSEYS of Kent, Coventry, and ELIZABETH, m. William MARGARET, dau. and heir, m. (1) Henry William sheriff 1541; d. 26 and dau. and Wolverhampton (Ped. No. 3). (or Thomas) Bunbury of Stanney, Esq., June, 1555. Will dated Goodman co-h. of ... Wyght or Wight, living and (2) Sir Rowland Stanley of Hooton, Kt. of Ches-9 April, and proved at Arrowsmith, of 1555. Chester 12 July, 1555, ter, dead Manchester. "to be buried at St. MARGERY, living 1555. She m. (3) in 1555, Oswald, Chester." Inq. and buried William Crox-John Aldersey, of Al- = Annes or Anne, dau. of THOMAS ALDERSEY, citizen and HUGH ALDERSEY. KATHERINE, m. Ralph ton or Croster,, m. Roger Kel-Hugh Aston of Aston. haberdasher of London, founder at St. Osp.m. 5 Jan., 15 Eliz. dersey and Spurstow. Pike, of co. Worcester Will dated 29 Nov., sall or Kelsowe, living wald, (1572-3).and d. 9 July, in 1594 of the Free Grammar Marriage covenant, 3 Sept., RALPH ALDERSEY. (qu. Wilts). School at Bunbury, m. Alice, 1590 (Harl. 1528. Will dated 30 June, Chester. 1581. Bur. at Bun-1555. 1599, proved 4 Aug., 1599. MS. 2153, bury, 17 Oct., 1582. dau. of Richard Calthrop of RICHARD ALDERSEY, fo. 40). Bur. at Bunbury, 26 July, Antingham, co. Norfolk, d.s.p. living 1554. 1599.



THOMAS ALDERSEY, TMARGARET, dau. of Esq., of Aldersey and Spurstow, b. 25 Feb., 1634-5, bapt. at Bunbury, 1 March, 1634-5, matric. at B.N C. 20 May, 1653, ent. at Gray's Inn, 22 Dec., 1654, called to the bar, 1663, bur, at Bunbury, 20 May, 1715.

Thomas Lee of Lee and Dernhall, Esq., m. after July, 1664, d. April 1722. Will dated 27 Oct., 1721.

JOHN ALDERSEY, bapt. at Bunbury. 24 March, 1638, living 1687 and 1693(?), of St. Mary Abchurch, London, m., Dec. 1680, Susannah Horshall, of St. Andrew, Holborn, by whom he had two sons and one daughter living 1698.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, bapt. at Bunbury, 25 Sept., 1642, of London, m. about 1672; had daughters living in 1683, of whom one, Elizabeth, m. 1722, Rev. Ralph Markham, Rector of Tarporley; living himself 1705 and Jan., 1708-9; wife living Ap., 1690; had also a son Robert Aldersey of Shrewsbury, living 1730-1, who had a wife and

child living March,

1729.

WILLIAM ALDERSEY, = MARY, dau. of ... bapt. at Bunbury, 4 Sept., 1651, living at Chester, 1675, of All Hallows. Bread Street, London, ironmonger, 1679, of London, 1683, living Ap., 1699, admon. 18 July, 1699.

Harling, of Lombard Št., London, m. Dec., 1679, living, 1699.

ALBAN ALDERSEY, bapt. at Bunbury, 29 April; 1657 living unm. in 1698 and 1701.

REBECCA, b. 8 March, bapt. at Bunbury 10 March, 1632-3, m. Dec. 1655, John Travers of Hortoncum Peel,

co. Chester.

ELIZABETH, bapt. at Bunbury 30 April, 1637, living unm. in 1691, 1698, and 1716.

Anne, living unm. with her uncle at Newland in 1691, m. Rev. John Rochford, living 1699.

10 Dec., 1648, living unm. in 1691 and 1698, m. Isaac Bassnett of Heycroft in Spurstow Feb., 1705, d. between 1711 and

1721.

MARY, bapt.

at Bunbury

MARTHA, bapt. at Bunbury 28 Feb, 1653-4, living unm. in 1691, 1698, and 1721.

Daniel Aldersey, = Hannah, dau. of of Chester, woollendraper, called nephew in will of Bassnett, Isaac Jan., 1704-5, living, 1704, bur. at St. Peter's, 2 May, 1731, called cousin byRobertAldersey,

1717-1725.

..... Will dated 24 May, 1769, proved at Chester, 29 July, 1783.

SARAH, m. ... Grantham, living 1742.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, = of All Hallows, Bread Street, admon. 16 Nov., 1711.

MARY, ELIZABETH, living 1711. living 1711.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, of Chester, = woollendraper and clothier, bapt. at St. Peter's, 5 May, 1724, bur. there, 24 Ap. 1809. Will dated 20 Feb., 1805, proved at Chester, 19 Oct., 1809.

ESTHER, dau. and heir of William Wilson of Barton, co. Chester, yeoman, marr. sett. dated 9 Sept., 1755.

WILLIAM ALDERSEY, bapt. at St. Peter's, 25 Oct., bur. there, 28 Oct., 1726.

MARTHA, bapt. at St. Peter's, 14 Ap., bur. there, 13 May, 1723.

Mary, living 1769 and 1783, d. unm. Will proved 30 July, 1792.

DANIEL ALDERSEY, living 20 Sept., 1758, d. young before 1773.

DANIEL ALDERSEY, of Chester, b. 4 June, 1761, d. unm., 26 Jan., 1821; bur. Unitarian Chapel, Chester. Will dated 22 Jan., 1821, proved June, 1821.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, of - Susanna, dau. of ... Chester and of Sale Hall, co. Chester, b. 17 Ap., 1764, d.s.p. 15 Dec. 1834; bur. Unit. Chap., Chester. Will dated 31 July, 1824, proved in London, 26 Feb., 1835.

Cochrane, m. 1799, d. at Southport, 2 Sept., 1839. Will dated 22 Oct., 1838.

WILLIAM ALDERSEY = SARAH, dau. of ... of Chester, b. 29 Sept., 1765, d.s.p. 7 Ap., 1829, bur. at St. Peter's, Chester. Will dated 8 March,

Samuel, d. 4 July, 1863, æt. 77, bur. Chester Cemetery.

EDWARD ALDER-SEY, b. 27 Dec., 1766,d.s.p.; living 1776.

ABIGAIL, b. 4 Nov., 1759.

HANNAH, b. 16 Sept., 1762, living 1776.

ROBERT ALDERSEY, = JANE, eldest dau. and Esq., of Aldersey and Spurstow, b. at Chester, 22 Aug., 1670, ent. Gray's Inn, 23 June, 1691, d.s.p. 30 Jan., 1730-1. Will dated 28 Jan., 1730-1, pr. at Chester, 23 Nov., 1733.

co-h. of Thomas Webb of Middlewich, gent., m. at Swettenham,10Feb.1697-8, marr. settl. 26 March, 1698. Will dated 10 Aug., 1742. Bur. at Bunbury, 25 May, 1743.

SAMUEL ALDERSEY of = HENRIETTA, dau. of Aldersev and Spurstow. clerk. Rector of Wigan, born at Chester, 4 Dec., 1673, educ. at B.N.C., Oxford, B.A., 1694, M.A., 1700, app. dom. chaplain to Hugh, Earl of Cholmondely, 1706, preacher of Bunbury, 1708-14, Rector of Wigan, 1714-41, died 16 Ap.,1741, bur. at Wigan, 20.Ap. 1741 (M). Will dated 5 March, 1740-1.

Henry Bridgeman. D.D., Dean of Chester and Bishop of Sodor and Man, 5th son of John, Bishop of Chester, bapt. at St. Oswald's, Chester, 24 Dec., 1680, m. at Llanyblodwell, 8 Oct., 1702, d. 8 Dec., 1756.

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JOHN ALDERSEY, b. 4 Oct., and bapt. 7 Oct., 1677, at Tarporley, citizen and haberdasher of London in 1700, d.s.p. in London, 2 Dec. 1730, bur. at St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Anne, b. at Spurstow, 30 Ap., 1665, d. at Wincham, 29 Ap., bur. at Bunbury, 3 May, 1676.

1824.

ELIZABETH, b. at Newland, 1 Nov., 1666, d. at Chester, 8 Feb., 1668-9, bur. at Bunbury, 11 Feb., 1668-9.

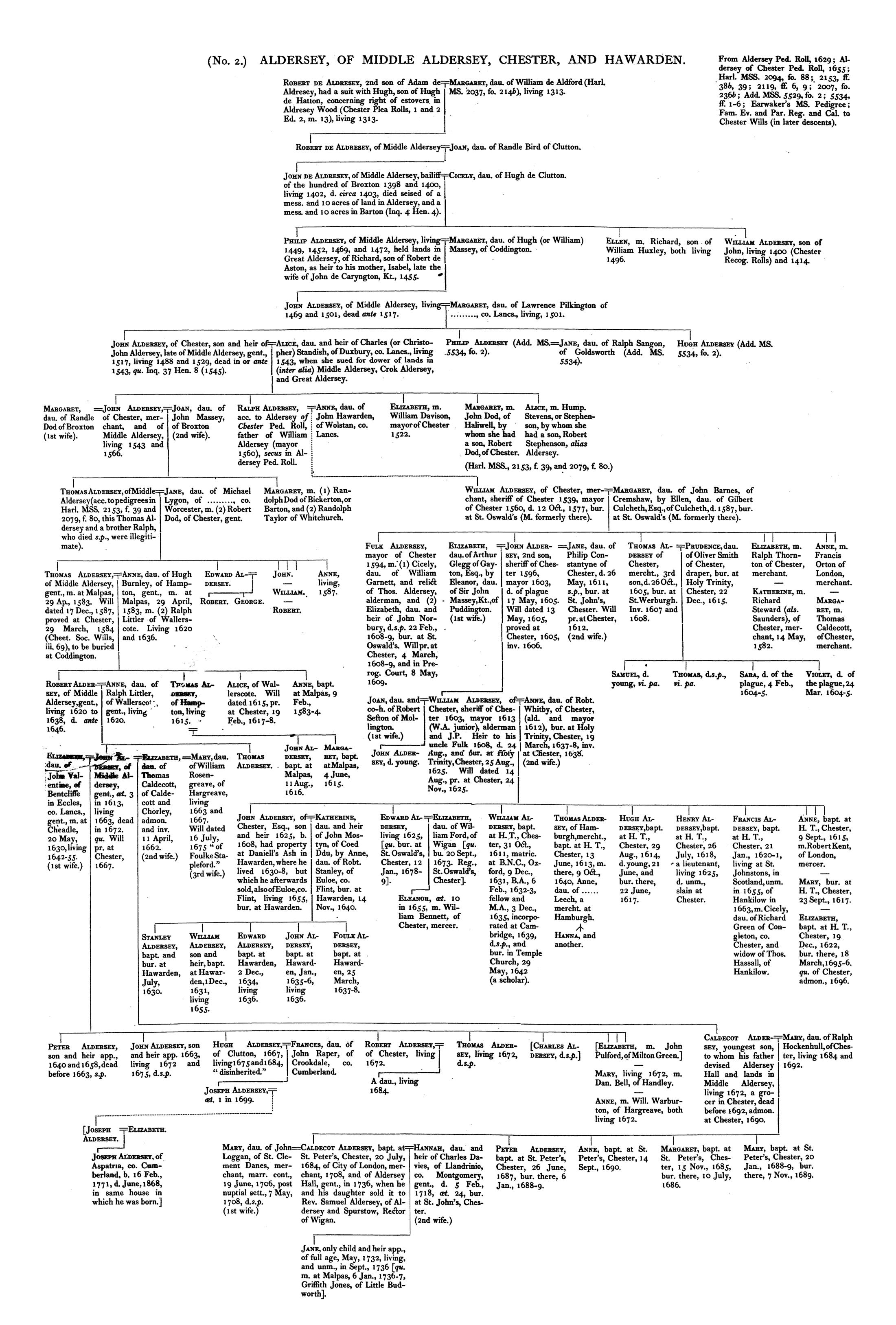
Frances, b. at Chester, 4 Nov., 1668, d. 25, and bur. at Bunbury, 27 Dec., 1671.

Mary, b. at Chester 26 Ap., 1672, d. 27, and bur. at Bunbury 28 Ap., 1672.

Mary, b at Chester, 27 Nov., 1675, m. Lloyd Edwards of Rorrington, co. Salop, Esq., marr. art. 20 May, 1703, post nupt. settlmt. 25 Nov. 1703, d. in 1714.

ELIZABETH, b. at Tarporley, 5 March, 1679, d. there, 1 Feb., 1683-4.

sq., of Aldersey and co-h. of Corad Spurstow, M.D., nelius Hignett, stow at Spurstow, 24 Esq., of Darland bapt. ally, bapt. at Bunand Ashton, marr. bury 179, 5 Aug., 1703, art. 20 May, 1704 luc. at Ch. Ch., 1731, rel. 1742, B.N. xford, B.A., 1724, living at Wigan, 6 May, 1727, M.B., 1759, bur. at d.s.p. 331, and M.D., Bunbury, 3 Jan.,	N ALDER- B. at Spur- SEY, Esq., of Aldersey and Spurstow, b. at Tarporley, 10 Alderse, 24 May, May, 1721, 1709, m. Pruden, b., bur. at dence, dau. of bury, 2 Mov., 1745, admon. at Chester, 1745, bur. at Bunbury, 25 Nov., 1745.	t DERSEY, b. at youngest, Bunbury, 20 dau. and co-h. Oct., and of Cornelius bapt. there, Hignett, Esq., 30 Oct., of Darland	SAMUEL ALDERSEY,—CHARLES CA- of Aldersey and THERINE, Spurstow, clerk, youngest dau. b. at Wigan, 29 of Sir Charles Nov., 1714, bapt. Erskine,Bart., there,9Dec.,1714, of Aloa, N.B., matric. at Oxford m. at Wal- (Ch.Ch.), 29 Nov., 1731, LL.B.,Cam- bridge(Trin.Hall), marr. settlmt. 1738, curate of May, 1785, marr. settlmt. 1738, curate of Dec., 1784, Malpas, 1739- 1748, preacher of Bunbury, 1763, d. Bunbury, 1763, d. 12 Feb., and bur. at Bunbury, 15 1828. Feb., 1802. (2nd wife.)	DERSEY, b. at Wigan, 29 Nov., and bapt. there, 6 Dec., 1715, d. unm., bur. at Wigan, 7 Jan., 1725-6. St., I Nand Foot M.D Dec. havin	RANDEL AL- DERSEY, b. at Wigan, 26 Nov., bapt. there, 5 1716-7, Dec., 1720, d. inf. 2 May, and bur. 3 May, 1721. g, m. cy, dau. of te Gower, d. inf. 2 May, and bur. 3 May, 1721. g, m. cy, dau. of te Gower, d. inf. 2 May, and bur. 3 May, 1721. g, m. cy, dau. of te Gower, d. inf. 2 May, and bur. 3 May, 1721.	HENRY ALD- ERSEY, b. at Wigan, 25 Aug., bapt. there, 7 Sept., 1723, m. Hannah, dau. of, both living 1750, d.s.p.
ROBERT ALDERSEY, sq., of Aldersey and purstow, b. 22 March, 737-8, bapt at 7 Ap.,1738, a bencher the Inner Temple, unm. 19 Nov., 1802, ar. in the Temple hurch. Samuel Aldersey, Esq., of Aldersey and Spurstow, b. 4 June, and bapt. at Malpas, 30 June, 1742, matric. Queen's Coll., Oxford, 30 June, 1758, B.A., 1762, M.A., 1766, d. 24 Aug., 1803, bur. at Bunbury, 29 Aug., 1803.	Wotton of Hadden-bapt. 22 May, 173 ham, co. Bucks, d. 1 April, 1740. gent., m. at Coleshill, co. Warwick, c. 1773, bur. at Coddington, 1841.	nd Malpas, 14 Jan.,	Jane, b. at Spurstow 14 Oct., bapt. at Bunbury, 25 Oct., 1705, m. at Wigan, 22 Dec., 1730, Thomas Lancaster of Warrington. Jane, b. at Frances, b. at Huxley, 20 Oct., bapt. at Hargreave, 5 Nov., 1706, m. (1) 15 June, 1725, Humphrey Kynaston of Chester, who d. 1737, and (2) ante 1755, Holt, Esq. [qu. Henry Holt of Wigan, living 1746].	at Huxley, 4 at Bu Jan., 1707-8, 29 C bapt. at Har- greave, 16 1712 Jan., 1707-8, unm living 1740, m. a d. unm. [qu. 1753 bur. at Bun- Hesl	MARY, b. at Bunbury 6 Oct., bapt. e, 5 Nov., there, 18 2, living Nov., 1713, bur. at Wigan, ante 20 Jan., 1717-18. keth of crington.	HENRIETTA, b. at Wigan, 21 July, bapt. there, 31 July 1718, bur. at Wigan, 1 May 1719.
AMUEL ALDERSEY, Esq., — Lucy, dau. of George Baylis, Esq., of Shifns co. Salop, b. 13 Jan 1799, m. at Tilston, ardebigge, co. Worceser, sheriff of Cheshire, 816 and 1830, d. 17 uly, 1855, bur. at Codington (stained glass here).	ial, March, 1782, d. unm. 1774, livin n., I Jan., 1824, bur. at unm. 19 Ju , 9 Bunbury, 7 Jan., 1824 Farndon, b ay, (M.). dington.	b. 27 Jan., MARGARET, b. 29 Ng, 1799, d. 1779, of Farndon une, 1835, at unm.10April, 1818, at Bunbury, 13 A 1818, admon. Se 1818.	d. 1784, living unm., 1799, d bur. m., after 1816, the Rev. pril, George Usher Harding,	IARGARET MARIA, an infant.		
ldersey, 19 Nov., 1828, d. 24 dersey and S	Spurstow, b. at Alder- sch, 1830, Sheriff of 862. Spurstow, b. at Alder- ch, 1830, Sheriff of canon of Chester, mage, 5 Feb., 1856, de 1887, bur. at Codding	Herts, and 4 July, 1850, August at Steven- Esq., of Bedford, a Chester, d. 23 Jan.,	Coddington, June, 1827, m. at 0 us Kelham, 30 Nov., 1854, Cha and aft. of Trevor-Roper, Esq., 6 1889, bur. co. Flint, d. 1 March	Coddington, rles James of Plâs Teg, , 1871, bur.		
858. tor of Codding	dau. of Rev. THOMAS ALDERSE nan Royds, Rec- ton, m. at Cod- ril, 1888.	Y, = ANNIE AUGUSTA, dau. of Re W. B. Garnett Botfield, of Decke Hill, co. Salop, m. at Shifnal, 1 April, 1887.	b. 6 Dec., 1856.	Rose Frances, b. 17 Nov., 1861.	IDA MARY, b, 11 A Coddington, 28 Sep Ramsay Garnett I of Rev. W. B. Ga	ot., 1886, Charle Botfield, 4th so



(No. 3.) PEDIGREE OF ALDERSEY, OF KENT, COVENTRY, AND WOLVERHAMPTON.

MSS. 2153, ff. 37, 38; 2119, fo. 7; Add MSS. 5507, fo. 368 (Philipots Vis. of Kent 1619-1621, with additions by Halstead); 5534, ff. 1-6; Hasted's "Hist. of Kent," ii. 585, 588; Berry's "County Genealogies (Kent)," p. 290; Vis. of HENRY ALDERSEY, of John, dau, of John Cheshire 1580; Nichols' "Leicestershire," iii. 104; Wills at Somerset House.

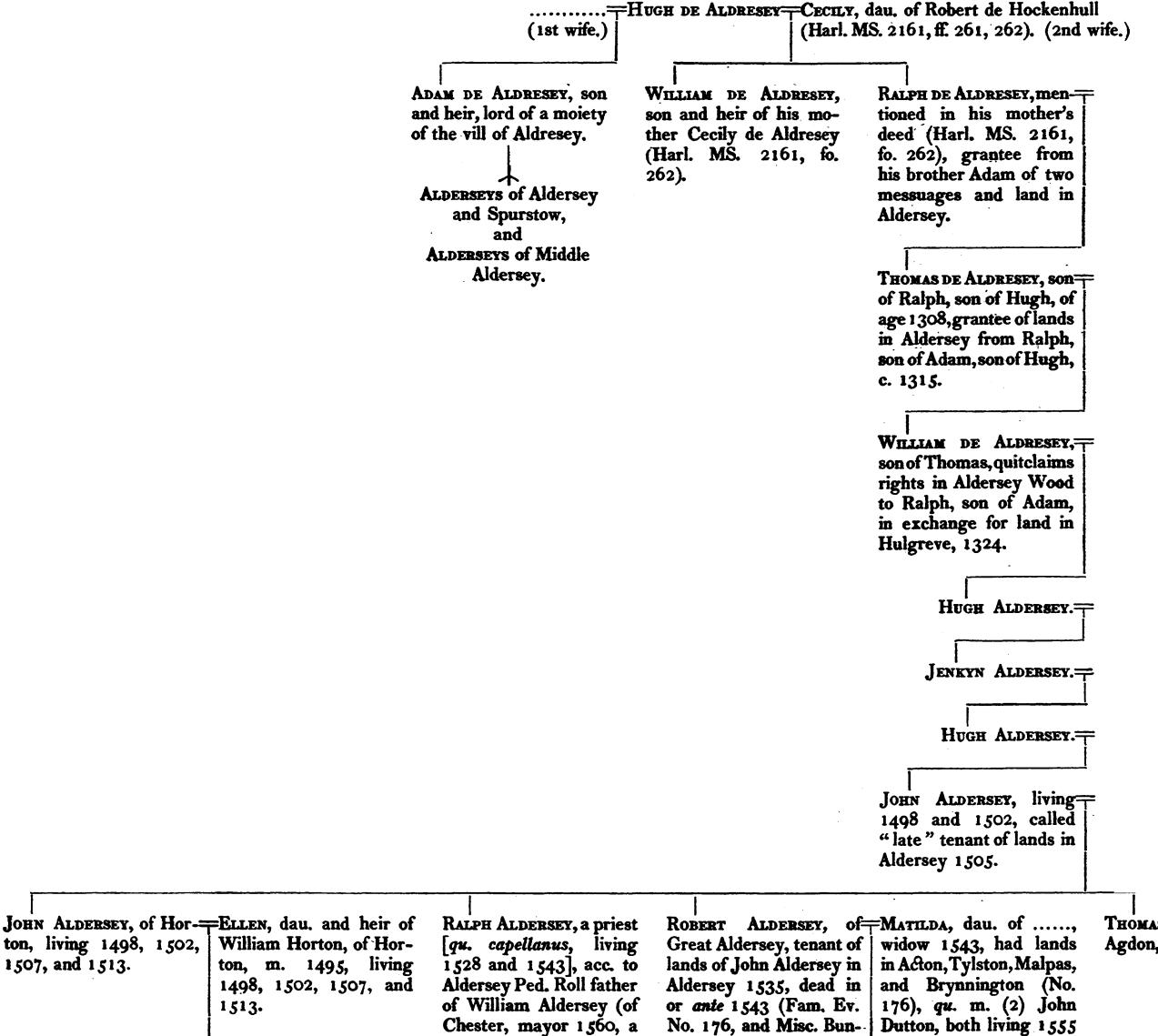
From Aldersey Ped, Roll; Harl,

Aldersey and Spurs- | Hockenhull, of Hockenhull Platt. tow, d. circ. 1506. RICHARD ALDERSEY, MARGARET, dau. ROBERT ALDERSEY, = ANNE, dau of ... Hugh Aldersey, of Margaret, dau. of John Aldersey, of-Anne, dau, of Aldersey and Spurs-Malbon of Malpas, Thomas Bridde, of Chester, alder-Chester, alderman, Randle Bamville of of Picton, co. Chesof James Cotco. Chester. of Clotton, co. man, sheriff 1513, sheriff 1516, mayor Gawsworth, co. ter, living 1508 and tow, d. 1554. greave, of Har-Chester. 1528, 1541, and Chester. 1528. greave, cd. mayor 1526. 1 546. Chester. ALDERSEYS of ALDERSEYS of Aldersey THOMAS ALDERSEY, = CECILY, dau, of WILLIAM MARGARET, m. (1) Picton and and Spurstow. Henry Bunbury, of of Chester, alder-William Garnett. ALDERSEY, Chester. She m. (2) Fulk Stanney, and (2) Sir man, sheriff 1538, a vintner, Rowland Stanley, of mayor 1549, a dra-Aldersey, of d.s.p. per. Will proved Chester, alder-Hooton, Kt. 1557. man. ELIZABETH, WILLIAM ALDERSEY, THOMASINE, LAWRENCE JOHN AL- ELIZABETH, RICHARD = DOROTHY, ALICE, m.(1)ELLEN, m. Anne, m. John Ralph Worsof Sutton Valence m. William Tilston, of Huxdau. of Roger DERSEY, of dau. of ALDERSEY. dau. of Humphrey ALDERSEY. of Warley of Birk-Terrey, of William Richard Parker. Haughton, of ley, 9 July and Swanton Court, a traveller Coventry. ett, and (2) Bredgar, co. Kent, Wisterton, in Æthioaft. of Foster, of wick. Woodall. Manchester, 1570, at St. living 1614. co. War-William MARGARET, 28 Jan. 1560-1, Peter's, Chester. nr. Nant-Wolverpia 1580, m. Thomas Whithead. wich, co. wick. at St. Peter's. bur. there 3 d.s.p. hampton Bellen. Chester. Chester. 1578. May 1584. Anne, dau. and THOMAS = MARGARET. JANE, m. =ELIZABETH, Edward AL-JOAN, William Alheir, m. Sir dau. of Hum-ALDERSEY. Stephen DERSEY, of living 1637 DERSEY, of dau. of ... Thos. Beaufoy, Holland. of Bredphrey Farn-Lambe, of London, citi-[qu. m. Wolver-Kenningham, of the Will pr. 8 of Edmund's zen and dra-... Mithampton, co. gar, co. Kent. Will per, d.s.p. Court, co. Nether Hall, ton, co. Stafford, 1641. Nov. 1664 ton]. proved 10 Warwick, Kt. Quorndon, Kent. Will dated 30 Will pr. 19 d.s.p. July co. Leicester, March 1663, MARY, surv.]. Aug., 1659 [qu. living 1653. pr. 26 Sept. 1639. living d.s.p. surv.]. Will proved 1665. unm. 1637 12 Dec. and 1663. 1659. WILLIAM AL-DERSEY, of Wolverhampton [qu. d. vi. pa.]. FARNHAM ALDERSEY, SARAH, dau. of TERREY ALDERSEY, ELIZABETH, dau. of ELIZABETH, m. after Thomas (or Francis) of Bredgar, b. circ. of Maidstone, co. Richard Taylor, of 1639 and before Cranbrook. Will Allard, of Bidden-1618, d. 10 July Kent, b. 1623, d. 1 1659 ... Streete, living 1663. dated 24 Feb. 1709, 1670. den, d. 22 Sept. Jan. 1686, bur. at 1658, bur. at Bred-Maidstone. pr. 19 Nov. 1712. gar. JOHN ALDERSEY. ELIZABETH, m. FARNHAM ALDERSEY, -- DOROTHY. MARY, m. DEBORAH, THOMAS, SAMUEL, of Maidstone. of Maidstone, d. 4 d.s.p. d.s.p. Roger Hard-John living Knowles, of vi. pa. Will, 1697. res, living vi. pa. Oct. 1691, æt. 28. unm. Ospringe. 1712. 1709. gent., d. ante 1709. FARNHAM ALDERSEY, MARY, dau. of ... Brookman, of Cheriton, m. 1712. of Bishopsbourne, d. Admon. June 1769. 11 Feb. 1723, æt. 33. FARNHAM ALDERSEY, ELIZABETH, dau. of ... Page, d. ante June 1769. of Milton, m. 1738. JOHN ALDERSEY. Ann, dau. of William HENRY ALDERSEY, ELIZABETH, dau. of =WILLIAM ALDERSEY, =DORCAS, dau. =ELIZA, dau. MARGA-FRANCES, THOMAS ALDERSEY, of John Os-... Dyer, of Favers-3rd son, of Bredgar, of ... Hall, RET, living of Bredgar, patron Kenrick, of Bough-2nd son, of Biddendau. of ham, b. 1658, m. patron of Bredgar m. 1714 (3rd 1658. of Bredgar 1670 and den and Maidstone, Thomas borne, of ton Blean, b. 1650, 1683 (2nd wife) wife of Willm. m. 1674 (1st wife). 1722, d. 23 July Hartlip, m. 1690, unm. 1700, d. co. Kent, gent., b. Fanshaw of 1692, d. 11 Aldersey). 31 March 1707, qu. admon. 27 Hartlip. 1726, æt. 68, bur. at 1650. June 1716]. Bredgar. Sept. 1711, bur, at Bredgar. (1st wife). æt. 51 (2nd wife). MARGARET. FRANCES. Anne, living and a THOMAS ALDERSEY, m. John m. ... Pot-WILLIAM ALDERSEY, ter of Can-Graylins, of d.s.p. [qu. living in R. Navy, d. unm. minor 1698. Milton. terbury. 1698. 1716]. WILLIAM WILLIAM TERREY ALDERSEY, CHARLES THOMAS Hugh Aldersey,=Mary, dau. of ... MARY, m. FRANCES, ELIZABETH, ALDERSEY. John ALb. 1682, d. 18 ALDERSEY, ALDERSEY, ALDERSEY, of Bredgar, m. Thurston, of Milm. 1739 Nov. 1728, &t. 47, 3rd son, 4th son, 5th son, DERSEY, d. m. 1714 1714 2nd son, bur. at Bredgar. Robert 1726, d.s.p. 5 ton, d. 6 July Thomas Edward d. infant. d.s.p. $\lceil qu$. d. infant. unm. d.s.p. 1760, æt. 64, bur. Jackman, Elwick, Nov. 1762, bur. Long, of admon.30 Clerk. Milton. of London. at Bredgar. May 1753.] at Bredgar.

(No. 4.) PEDIGREE OF ALDERSEY, OF HORTON, GREAT ALDERSEY, BRINNINGTON, AGDON, AND CHINNELL.

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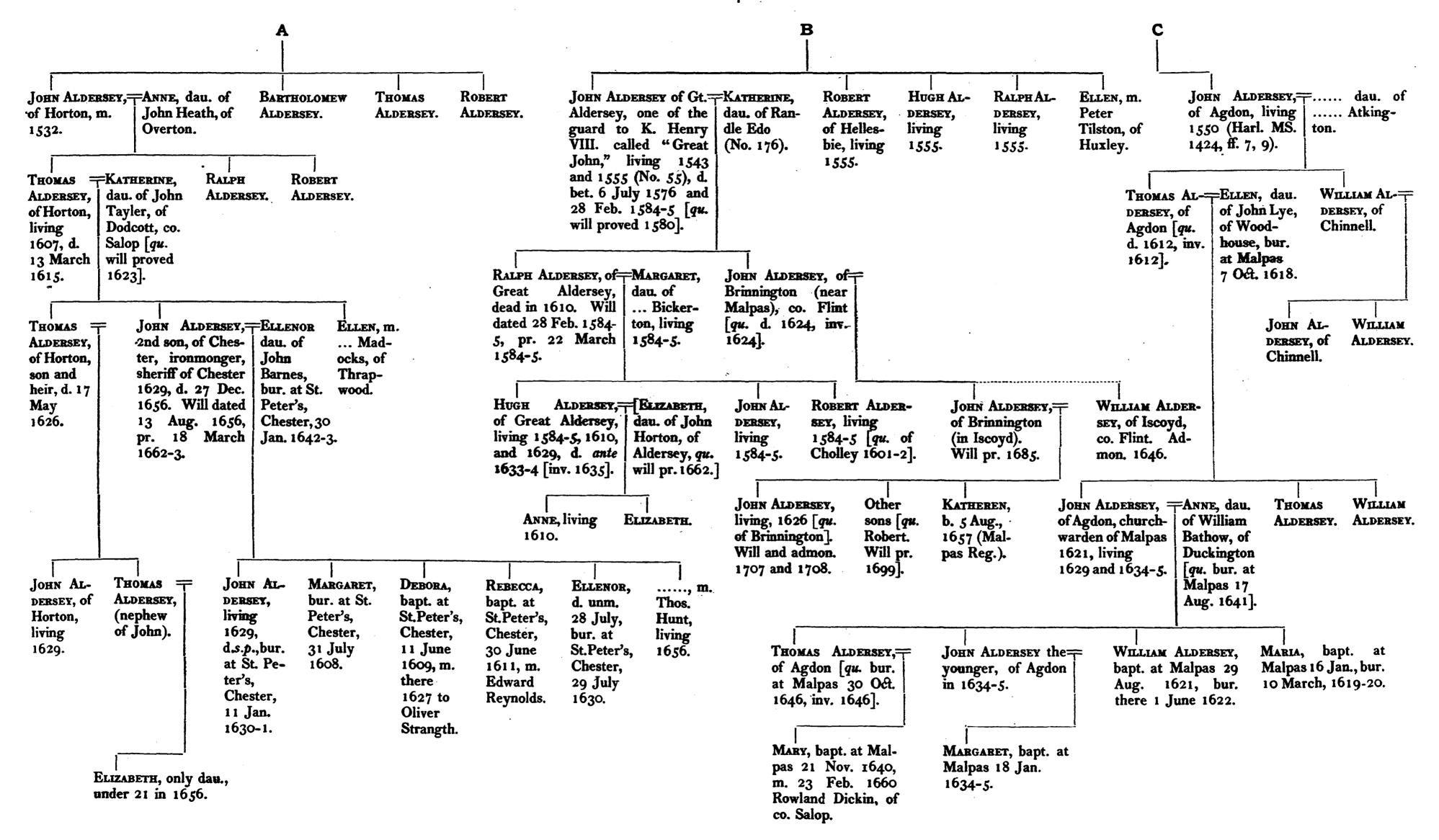


bastard son).

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THOMAS ALDERSEY, of AGNES, dau. of John Agdon, living 1518. | Whith, of Agdon.

Pedigree No. 4—continued.



(No. 5.) PEDIGREE OF ALDERSEY OF ST. PAUL'S, COVENT GARDEN, AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Joseph Aldersey, of Chandos Street, St. Paul's, Covent Garden, ANN, sister of Thomas Suffield, of Evesham, co. Worcester, d. 18 London, aft. of Westham, co. Essex, and finally of Hurley, co. Berks | Sept. 1757, bur. at Bunhill Fields, London, [qu. son, or more probably grandson, of Joseph Aldersey (the son of John Aldersey, of London, merchant, younger brother of Thomas Aldersey, of Aldersey and Spurstow, Escheator of Cheshire, temp. Car. I.), d. 25 July 1764, bur. at High Wycomb, co. Berks. Will

d.s.p. 1885.

From Diary of Joseph Aldersey, born 1725; Pedigree prepared by George Bayley White, Esq., son of Edward White and Rachel Ainsley Aldersey, and supplemented by his brotherin-law Judge H. M. Bompas, Q.C.; Pedigree prepared by. William Smiles, Esq., M.D.

RALPH POMEROY AL-

DERSEY, b. 11 Aug.

1892.

PHYLLIS MARY AL-

DERSEY, b. 2 Dec.

1879.

HAYDON BRIAN AL-

DERSEY, b. 25 June

1887.

dated 22 July 1762, proved 26 July 1764. Joseph Aldersey, of Chandos Street, St. Paul's, Covent Garden, MARY, dau. of Daniel Haydon, of Woburn, co. Bucks (and sister of Ann, m. Emor Rich, both London, aft. of Southampton, b. 1 Oct. 1725, entered business at Thomas Haydon, of Dean's Court, St. Paul's, London, stationer, and living in 1762, she also Chandos St. 1 Nov. 1754, retired 30 Sept. 1767. Will dated 28 Ap. of John Haydon, of High Wycombe, co. Berks), b. 1 Jan. 1727, d. living in 1781. 1781, proved 4 March 1786 (m. at Woburn, Bucks, 10 July 1755). 18 Jan. 1781, bur. at St. Mary's, Southampton, 24 Jan. 1781. JOSEPH ALDERSEY, of ELIZABETH, dau. of Caleb Lee, Thomas Suffield Mary Ann, dau. of WILLIAM ALDER-MARY, b. 14 Ann, b. 8 JOSEPH ALDERSEY, THOMAS ALDERof Godalming (by Mary Baker, James Stephens, of sey, b. 16 Dec. March 1759, Nov. 1763, b. 6 Oct., d. 16 London, and of Chigwell ALDERSEY, of Lisson sey, b. 2 June, d. Row, co. Essex, b. 5 May Lisson Grove, Lonheiress of Anthony Baker, of Grove, London, b. 1766, d. 1838 at of Homer-Oct., 1756, bur. m. Dr. Ro-12 June, 1760, Amory near Alton, co. Hants), at Woburn, co. 1762, d. 1847, bur. at 14 May 1765, d. Homerton. bert Carey, ton, d. 1847. bur. at Woburn, don, d. 1837. St. Thomas's, Hackney | b. 26 March 1766, d. 1 April co. Bucks. 1831. d. 1826. Bucks. 1822, bur. at St. Thomas's, (m. 2 Dec., 1789). Hackney. MARY ANN, of China, and Joseph Aldersey, of Jer-Mary Ann RACHEL, dau. RICHARD BAKER ALDERSEY, of ELIZABETH EMMA, dau. of ELIZA BAKER, b. 16 Sept. aft, of Trong Gyaion, of Peter Ain- | Amory near Alton, co. Hants, | sey, b. 21 June 1795, 1791, m. Stephen Olding, Rev. Thos. Wilkinson, Bissoni, McLaren Vale, South chaplain of the Tower, of the Manor House, also of Chigwell Row, co. Esd. 21 Aug. 1829. d. 1883. sley, of Lon-Australia, b. 24 June sex, till 1849, then of Amory, don, b. 13 b. 21 Feb. 1813, living Dalston, 11 Jan. 1814, Nonalunga, South Australia, 1797, d. unm. 1868, bur. Feb. 1800. 1898, m. 1 June 1836. d. 1853. near Trong Gyaion. d. 1 Oct. b. 14 June 1793, d. 22 Sept. (2nd wife.) JOSEPH LEE STANWELL 1857, bur. in the forest near 1832. ALDERSEY, Capt. 10th (1st wife.) Amory. Regt., b. 1827, d. 1882. LYDIA HOPE ALDERSEY, m. Rev. J. W. Tupper. ARABELLA ALGERNON =PRISCILLA JOSEPH HAY-RACHEL AINS-HARRIET AL-SARAH JANE MARY AINS-LUMLEY AL-GILES, m. HARRY LEE ELIZA ALDER-MARY ANN RICHARD BAsey, b. 5. June ALDERSEY, b. 1870, in DERSEY, b. 27 KER ALDERSEY. DON ALDERSEY, LEY ALDERSEY, ALDERSEY, b. LEY ALDERSEY, DERSEY, b. 27 Aldersey, b. June 1837, m. b. 29 Dec. 1824, went to 17 Nov. 1825, 2 Oct. 1827, b. 17 Sept. Feb. 1840. South Ausb. 5 May 1831, b. 18 Dec. 19 July 1829, 1821, m. 6 1858 Frank went to Aus-Australia in went to Aus-1832, went to went to Auswent to Australia. 1822, d. unm. Manning, in Australia in tralia in 1849, June 1843, 1849, d. unm. tralia in 1849. tralia in 1894. 1848, bur. at tralia, d. unm. South Ausd. unm. 10 Edward White, 1883, at . 1849, m. 1863 Lambourne, 1895. Trong FrancisWillm. tralia. March 1858, of London, d. co. Essex. bur, near 11 Dec. 1864, Gyaion. Cox, of Adebur. at Norlaide, S. Aus-Amory. wood. tralia. HARRY LEE WILFRED RALPH Mor-ELIZABETH LEE HAYDON THEODORE AL-HUGH ALGER-RICHARD BAKER ALDERSEY, b. ALDERSEY, b. EGERTON AL-Porrett AL-TIMER ALDER-DERSEY. ALDERSEY, b. NON ALDERSEY, 5 May 1874. 17 Ap. 1873. b. 19 July 2 Ap. 1876. DERSEY. DERSEY. SEY. 1871. MARY WEBSTER ANNE BIL-ELIZABETH SOPHIA STE-EstherCooper CHARLOTTE HAYDON STE- = MARY JOSEPH STE- = HENRIETTA PHENS ALDER-ALICE, 2nd dau. PHENS ALDER-ALDERSEY, m. STEPHENS AL-ALDERSEY, m. ALDERSEY, m. LINGSLEY AL-PHENS ALDER-OSBORNE. Rev. William Joshua Bacon. Rev. J. A. DERSEY, m. sey, of Chessey, m. 8 Sept. of Col. T. Haw-DERSEY, m. sey, m. Daniel S. Olding, a Capt. E. F. 1831, d. 4 May kins, b. 18 Sept. Maynard. Gower. hunt. Taylor. banker. 1850, aged 53. 1806, d. 15 Waters. Jan. 1885. -MARY, younger dau. of HAYDON STEPHENS FRANCES MARY Mary Aldersey, b. EMILY ELIZA ALDER-WILLIAM HUGH AL-ALICE MARY PADDON, ALDERSEY, b. 9 Aug. William Smiles, M.D., b. HAYDON THOMAS ALDERSEY, b. 1833, d. unm. DERSEY, M.B.. dau. of Rev. T. San-1825, m. A. W. K. sey, b. 1831, d. 1842, d. 22 Jan. 21 May 1856, m. 20 ALDERSEY, b. 1823, Packman, M.D., d. F.R.C.S., b. 1827, 1856. Feb. 1879. d.s.p. 1893. derson. 1896. 1884.

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